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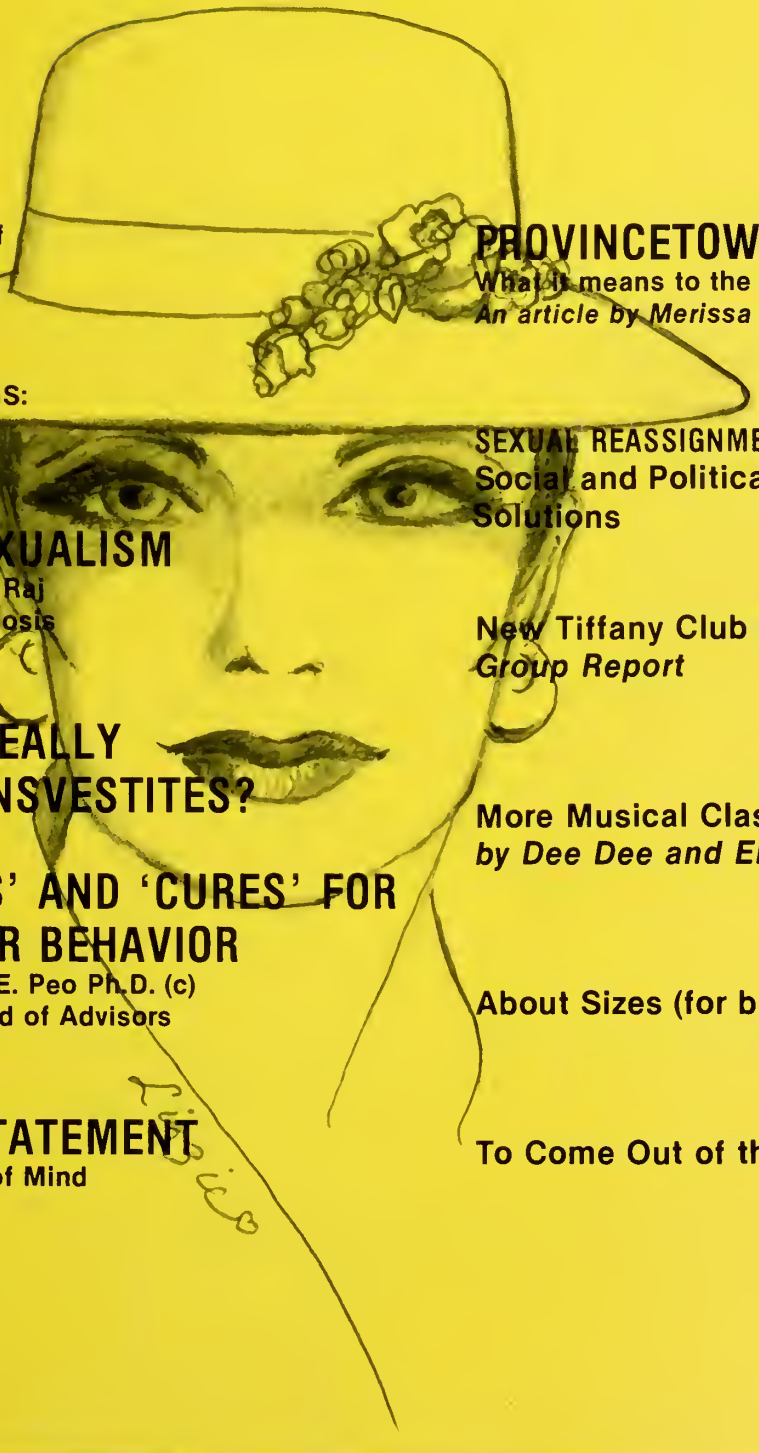

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TV TS TAPESTRY STATEMENT

We ('we' meaning the Tapestry, other TV-TS publications, and TV-TS organizations both non-profit and commercial) are in business to serve our people. 'Our people' include members of the TV-TS Community ('our' Community) and their families and friends. They include the commercial and professional people who serve our Community and those persons who by way of circumstance are affected by our Community. No one person, no one magazine or organization or commercial or professional project can, or should try to do the job alone.

The 'over-all scheme of things' refers to every aspect of the TV-TS Community, family, friends, helping professionals, etc. (the 'paraculture'). Every TV/TS organization (Tiffany Club, GGA, Tri-Ess, etc.), every TV/TS project (the Tapestry, NACD Inc., Fantasia Fair, etc.), and every non-profit and commercial and professional service serving the TV Community (Outreach Institute, FACT, Confide, etc.) has an important niche in the over-all scheme of things.

What is most important is that every individual person in a responsible leadership position first acknowledge that in order for each of us to better serve our respective constituencies, we must all work together. Second, we must recognize our respective organizations' and projects' niche in the over-all scheme of things.

The Tapestry's niche is to to help the various leaders and organizations do a better job serving their respective constituencies. It exists to provide accurate and up-to-date information, education, communications, entertainment, and social opportunities to anyone who wants and needs it. The Tapestry exists to help people.

In order for the Tapestry to be the most effective publication possible we must have accurate and up-to-date information, and interesting, educational, and entertaining material. Although much of our magazine's information and material come from individual contributors, the primary source is the publications of other organizations. These individuals are not only an asset to the Tapestry, they are an asset to their respective organizations, and to all.

By region, these individuals and organizations are:

Tiffany Club: (MA, Merissa Lynn Exec Sec, Pub. 'TV-TS Tapestry')
Outreach Institute: (MA., Ariadne Kane Dir, Pub. 'Outreach Newsletter')
Albany TVIC: (MA, Michelle Bolis Pres., Pub. 'TVIC Journal')
Halcyon Society: (RI, Janet B. Pres., Pub. 'Keeping In Touch')
XX Club: (CT, Rev. Canon Jones Adv., Pub. 'bulletin')
The TV Set: (CT, Harriet Lane Pres., Pub. 'The TV Set')
Chi Delta Mu Chapter Tri-Ess: (NY, M.J. Moran Pres., Pub. 'Our Special Joy')
Better Living Institute: (NY, Joyce Dewhurst Dir., Pub. 'bulletin')
Lee's Mardi Gras: (NY, Lee Brewster Pres., Pub. 'bulletin')
Tania Volen, Inc.: (NJ, Fred Barry Pres., Pub. 'The Transvestian')
Sue Hall Enterprises: (NJ, Sue Hall Pres., Pub. 'Mini Skirt News')
Neptune Productions: (NJ, Betty Johnson Ed., Pub. 'FI News')
NEPA Chapter GGA: (PA, Kathy Hivish Pres., Pub. 'NEPA Newsletter')
Betty Ann Lind, Linda Walker, Michelle Williams: (Mid-Atlantic, Pub. 'Our Sorority')
Fantasies In Lace: (FL, Terri Richards Pres., Pub. 'Fantasies')
Success Chapter GGA: (FL, Susan Armstrong Pres., Pub. 'Newsletter')
Paradise Club: (OH, Kathy O'Connor Pres., Pub. 'Paradise Tales')
Crossroads Chapter: (MI, Grace Bacon Pres., Pub. 'Crossroads Chatter')
Windy City Chapter GGA: (IL, Sharon Hart Pres., Pub. 'bulletin')
Chi Chapter Tri-Ess: (IL, Mary Ann Broer Pres., Pub. 'Chi Tribune')
Wisconsin Network: (WI, Dee Dailey Pres., Pub. 'Network News')
Spectrum Total Lifestyles Group: (AZ, Lonnie Nehring Pres., Pub. 'Spectrum')
CHIC: (CA, Irene Ellis Sec., Pub. 'CHIC Clippings')

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Joanna M. Clark: (CA, Pub. 'ACLU Transsexual Rights Committee News')
Renaissance: (CA, Joanna M. Clark Pres., Pub. 'Renaissance')
Society for the Second Self: (CA, Carol Beecroft Pres., Pub. 'Femme Mirror')
Shangri-La Club: (CA, Nancy Watson Pres., Pub. 'bulletin')
Gateway Gender Alliance: (CA, Georgia Saunders Pres., Pub. 'Phoenix')
Northwest Chapter GGA: (OR, Ellen S. Sec., Pub. 'NWGGA Newsletter')
FACT/GenderServe: (Canada, Susan Huxford Dir., Pub. 'Gender Review')
MMRF: (Canada, Rupert Raj Dir., Pub. 'Metamorphosis')
Transvestites Au Montreal: (Canada, Christine R. Pres., Pub. 'The Garter Press')
Elizabeth Club: (Japan, Chikako Ishikawa Ed., Pub. 'Queens')
Beaumont Society: (England, Alice Purnell Pres., Pub. 'BeauMag')

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

The organizations and individuals serving as information distribution centers are responsible for being familiar with the various services and organizations available in their given area. This information is to be distributed in accordance with the needs of the inquirer and not the private orientation of the organization or individual. (*Please note that not all organizations listed in the Service or Social listings are willing or able to serve as general information distribution centers.)

NORTHEAST

TIFFANY CLUB Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE Information distribution throughout New England. The Outreach Institute, Kenmore Sta. Box 368, Boston MA 02215 617-277-3454

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Information distribution for New England, specializing in transsexualism. The XX Club, Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE Information distribution for the New York City Area. B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

MS CHERYL A. MCBRIDE Information distribution for upper New York. Ms Cheryl McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206

MS ALICE MILLARD Information distribution for upper New York (Summers only, May thru Oct.) Ms Alice Millard, Box 264, Cooperstown, NY 13326

MS KATHY HIVISH Information distribution for Northeast Pennsylvania. Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 18612

MID-ATLANTIC, SOUTH

PHI CHAPTER Information distribution for Mid-Atlantic area (New Jersy to North Carolina). c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711

MS ALICE MILLARD Information distribution for South East (especially Gulf Coast area Florida to Louisiana) (Winters only, November thru April) Ms Alice Millard,, Box 2355, Pensacola, FL 32513

MID-WEST, SOUTH CENTRAL

PARADISE CLUB Information distribution for Upper Mid-West (Western New York to Illinois) Paradise Club, Box 17032, Cleveland, OH 44117

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Information distribution Michigan/Ohio area. Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

MS SHARON RENEE HART Information distribution for Chicago area. Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 312-472-4518

NAOMI O. Information distribution for Upper Midwest. Naomi O., Box 34 Rm 1222, 17 N State St., Chicago IL 60602

GENDER SERVICES OF CHICAGO Information distribution for Upper Midwest Mr John Prowett, 3208 North Sheffield #301, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 549-6800 Ext 301

MS MALINDA ANDERSON Information distribution for Wisconsin/Minnisota area. c/o R. Peterson, Box 524, Lake Mills WI 53551

MS MAXINE MCDONALD Information distribution for Dallas/Fort Worth area. Maxine McDonald, Box 31171, Dallas TX 75231

MS DOROTHY LYNNE HORN Information distribution for South Texas area. Dorothy Lynne Horne, Box 996, Jourdanton TX 78026

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RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Information distribution for Southern California area. Renaissance, Box 11341, Santa Ana, CA 92711 714-836-1803

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Information distribution for Northern California area. GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-678-0609

NORTHWEST CHAPTER Information distribution for Oregon/Washington area. Northwest Chapter, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

CANADA

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Information distribution throughout Canada. FACT, Box 291 Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

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THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Information distribution for Australia. The Seahorse Club of Australia, Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia

ORGANIZATIONS

SERVICE

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whose purposes and objectives are educational. Outresch works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network). seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes both male and female), and s book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of books and reprints is available for $3.00).

Security: Outreach's programs are strictly non-sexual snd sophisticated. All participants at any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

THE CENTER FOR BECOMING 35 Chester St., Allston MA 02134 (617)568-0680, or 136 Causeway St., Hudson MA 01749

Nsture: 'The Center For Becoming' is a gender identity clinic serving the crossdressing/transsexual/androgyne population of New England and the Northeast.

Services: The Clinic offers evaluation, group and individual counseling and therapy, and therapy for family and friends. The Clinic uses a new course of therapy - ONTO-SYNTHESIS - through which all client/patients can determine beyond all doubt the truth about their gender and sexuality ;and come to a deep and lasting inner peace with their masculine and feminine principles and their wsys of being.

Security: Total discretion, anonymity and protection prevailes in all circumstances.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56,Tappan NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY and Hartsdale NY

Nsture: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offeriang counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender proablems. Privste therapy sessions sre held witha Garrett Oppenheim PhD FIC, thedirector, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy snd sex reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1 1/2 hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

GENDER SERVICES OF CHICAGO Mr. John Prowett, 3208 North Sheffield #301, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 549-6800 Ext 301

Nature: Gender Services is a non-sexual social & service group for any snd all trans-person (TV/TS/Drag/FI). Although we are a local group we work as a reference agency nationally.

Services: We provide para-counseling, referrals for attorneys, hormone doctors, psychologists, and psychiatrists, and for social contacts. Our newsletter 'Trans-Script' will be available in the near future. We also have a Prison Support Group for trans-persons and their friends.

Security: There are no particular security requirements, however, files are kept under lock and key.

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. 3715 32nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80211 (303) 458-5378

Nature: G.I.C. is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community including medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, etc. G.I.C. also provides a Speaker's Bureau, and a 24 hour Hot-Line.

COMMIT P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO. 80206 (303) 297-9585

Nature: Commit is a comunity-based, service-focused organization made up exclusively of transgendered persons.

Services: Commit provides current literature concerning dender dysphoria, transsexualism, transvestism, etc. Commit also provides a sanctuary where one may explore his/her transgenderism without fesr, non-professional and peer counseling, and information on medical, physchological and other professional services. Commit also provides a 24 hour hot-line.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803

Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.

Services: 'Renaissance Update' (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educationsl services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrsls.

Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94088

JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexusl. A $25.00 donstion is requested.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W-1P4

Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).

Services: To provide research and information relevant to the lF-M TS, to raise funds for resesrch, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, para-professional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Box 291, Stsation 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: FACT is a non-profit support organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends of transsexuals, professionals and para-professionals working in th field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Publishes 'Gender Review', a periodical news sheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representataives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings. Chapters include:

South Central Ontario, c/o Miss Robin Marie Schwartzentruber, P.O. Box 1842, Station 'C', Kitchener, Ontario, N3G-4R3 576-5248

Eastern Ontario, c/o Miss Nicole Boivin, P.O. Box 523, Gatineau, Quebec, J8P-7Al

Niagra, c/o Miss Susan Huxford, P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario, L8N-3C8 529-7884

Security: No screening for members or subscribers to 'Gender Review'. Meetings of FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagra meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling is requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education by articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and simulation exercises.

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Security: At present screening is required for initial personal counselling, as this is done at home and not in an office. An introduction from a known trustworthy source is required or a personal encounter in a public place (usually a public library). GENDERSERVE is selective in the publications with which it relates.

SOCIAL

INTERNATIONAL

TIFFANY CLUB Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 400, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. (The Tapestry is a magazine designed to be the communications link between the non-profit organizations, services, and information distribution centers serving the TV/TS Community. It contains articles, referrals, club reports, coming events and personal listings.) Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, boutique, overnight accomodations and a hostelry for qualified travelers), and a balanced program of social and educational activities (casual get-togethers, parties, beauty courses, nights on the town, vacations, etc.) Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support group for wives, and provides a hotline for information distribution, and referrals.

Security: Tiffany places no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to the 'Tapestry'. However, if a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-734-3773 after 6pm (PST)

Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.

Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. The chapters are:

San Francisco Chapter, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088
San Jose Chapter, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088
Santa Rosa Chapter, 707-575-1967
Capitol Chapter (DC-Baltimore area) Box 218, Burtonsville MD 20730
Success Chapter, Box 1601, Pinellas Park, FL 33565
Windy City Chapter, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690
Iowa/Illinois Chapter, Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Indiana Chapter, c/o Windy City Chapter, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690
New York City Chapter, Suite 601 157 W 57th St, New York NY 10019
Northwest Chapter, Box 13173, Portland, OR 97213
Pi Chapter, (Pittsburg area) Box 576, Export, PA 15632
PGH Chapter, Box 16080, Pittsburgh PA 15242
PHI Chapter, Box 322, Collingswood NJ 08108
NEPA-GGA, (Northeast PA) c/o Kathy Kivish, Box 268, Dallas, PA 18612
NU Chapter, (Northern NJ) Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Galveston/Houston Chapter, 713-763-6227
Delta Chi Chapter, Box 11254, Lincolnia Sta, Alexandria VA 22312
Hamapton Roads Chapter, S-180, Box 2400, Virginia Beach VA 23452
Vancouver Chapter, 2073-3 E 27th Ave, Vancouver, BC Canada V5N-2W7

Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meetiang to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Nature: Tri Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S. Chapters include:

Alpha Chapter (Los Angeles) c/o Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Sigma Delta Chapter (San Francisco) c/o Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Chi Delta Mu Chapter (NY, NJ, CT) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602
Chi Chapter (Chicago) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018

Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

SHANGRI-LA CLUB Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

Nature: Shangri-La is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers. Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.

Services: Shangri-La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events, a commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors two major events, the 5-day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), and June Shangri La (Southern California). Shangri-La has local chapters throughout the U.S.:

Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
San Diego/Oceanside Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
San Antonio/Houston Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Mobil Alabama Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Chicago Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
St. Louis Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

REGIONAL

NORTHEAST

TV INDEPENDENT CHAPTER (formerly Albany TVIC) M. Bolis, Box 320, Somerville, MA 02144 (617) 623-3884

Nature: TVIC is a non-profit non-sexual social orgainzation with an open membership policy. TVIC makes a special point of encouraging wives. TVIC has a membership in excess of 500.

Services: TVIC provides a monthly newsletter (TVIC Journal), a library, and monthly dinner parties.

Security: TVIC places an emphasis on friendship, good manners and common sense. Screening is done by the President of TVIC, and qualified members.

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

Nature: Halcyon is a friendship and support group for persons from the Rhode Island area interested in 'tasteful' crossdressing. Although affiliated with Tiffany Club, we are basically a 'neighborhood' group and work accordingly.

Services: Halcyon provides informal get-togethers twice a month allowing people a chance to meet with friends who understand the needs of people inclined to crossdress. Periodic newsletter, membership rumpus room and whatever activities planned by the membership at large.

Security: Only written inquiries are accepted. Once received and evaluated a standard information package is sent out along with an arranged meeting with someone already in membership. If the person making the inquiry appears to fit our standards, he/she is invited to attend a Society function. If the person's actions and deeds are consistent, the person is invited by the entire membership to join our ranks. Common sense prevails.

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY Box 66, Allston MA 02134 617-254-7389

Nature: Mayflower is a membership organization open to TVs, friends and relatives. The approximately 20 members

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consist of some who are heterosexusl, bisexual, some submissive, B&D, etc. Care is taken that broader interests are not imposed on those who do not wish to participate. Supportive environment emphasizing respect for the individual and security for all.

Services: Mayflower maintains an apartment with a library, private mail boxes, storage, casual get-togethers once a week, and parties once a month.

Security: A candidate for membership must meet with Kay Campbell or Neil Moses prior to joining. Write: Neil Moses, Secretary Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston MA 02134, or call: Kay Campbell (evenings or weekends) or Neil Moses (5-6 weekdays) 617-254-7389

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (information: George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outresch organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings esch month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educationsl snd medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure thst the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 203-288-1166

Nsture: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Private home on dead end street, parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members msy store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months containing club dates, psst psrties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accomodations for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmetologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Trest sll ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter. With respect!!

LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB contact: Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736

Nsture: Monthly dinner parties in a non-sexual atmosphere. A social gathering for crossdressers, trans-sexusls, their relatives & friends.

Services: Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Bring your own bottle. A $10 charge includes a hot meal. Limited space available for dressing. Reservations necessary, so enough food for all is available.

Security: A phone call to Kay will usually suffice. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated. All guests are expected to conduct themselves as ladies & gentlemen.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties, but both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsors frequent parties and debutante balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Pougkeepsie NY 12602

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.

Services: Get-togethers the 3rd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have 27 paid members, and hsve been in existence for over two years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

SUE HALL ENTERPRISES Box 74, Chsngewater, NJ 07831

Nature: For TV Swingers.

Services: Sue Hall publishes 'The Mini-Skirt News' (a newsletter for TV Swingers with a readership in excess of 1700), has in-house parties every Monday, and has s commercial boutique.

Security: No particular security requirements, but dangerous or irresponsible people are not welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER (GGA) Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 19612

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

Services: Publishes a monthly newsletter featuring Chapter news, other regional para-culture events, reprints of clipping from newspapers, etc; meetings feature speakers on topics relative to our paraculture; referrals in Northeast Pennsylvania to understanding businesses snd professionals; wife is willing to write or talk to other wives.

Security: Private interview with Chapter president.

NYC CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

PI CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

NU CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

PGH CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

PHI CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

MID ATLANTIC, SOUTHEAST

ACADEMY AWARDS c/o B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St A-1416, Alexandria, VA 22304

Nature: Drsg-Gay, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

DELTA CHI CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

CAPITOL CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Allisnce'.

SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): Susan Armstrong, Box 1601, Pinellas Park, FL 33656

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

MIDWEST, SOUTH-CENTRAL

PARADISE CLUB Box 17032, Cleveland OH 44117

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximstely 90 members with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsors a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc. Paradise also sponsors informal socials during the months between regular meetings.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings, with concurrence of officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great

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Lake area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA) (Chicago) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS) (Chicago) See 'Society for the Second Self'

EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

WISCONSIN NETWORK The Network, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735 (3-9 p.m.)

Nature: The Newtork prefers to deal with people from a variety of life-styles (gay and bi- men and women, TVs, TSs, etc.) who are looking for long term relationships or help in developing relationships with others or with the family, friends, or other significant people in one's life.

Services: The Network includes a monthly newsletter, meetings monthly for gay men and women, bisexual men and women, and TVs and TSs. The Network also provides a monthly newsletter, social gatherings for special events, and a dating service.

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY Box 27795, Denver CO 80227

Nature: M.R.S. is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy. M.R.S. emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security of all. M.R.S. welcomes all mature and responsible people.

Services: M.R.S. publishes a newsletter, sponsors frequent social events, and provides information distribution for the inter-mountain area.

Security: Private interview with a qualified representative of the Mountain Rose Society.

SOUTHWEST, NORTHWEST

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 213-249-2442

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthy dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings), and sponsors educational programs for the public.

Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

ALPHA CHAPTER (TRI ESS) See 'Society for the Second Self'.

SCYROS CHAPTER (SHANGRI LA) Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

THURSDAY IRREGULARS (San Jose) By request, inquiries concerning the Thursday Irregulars are to be forwarded by the Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778.

Nature: Social interaction of non-paranoid transgendered considerate people. The primary emphasis is on friendship, information dissemination and public relations.

Services: The Irregulars provide businessmen's lunches and meeting places for social functions.

Security: Prospective members will meet with a club representative (as men) at a luncheon or party. Discrete, considerate people are invited to return. Addresses and phone numbers are left to the discretion of the individual only.

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER (GGA) Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

EMERALD CITY Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103

Nature: Non-sexual (sister chapter of Northwest Chapter)

Services: Frequent social functions

Security: Requirements not available at this time.

CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS) Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G-2N1

Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organizations with an open membership policy.

Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (The Garter Press), and has frequent social get-togethers.

Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

FOREIGN

BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bi-monthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant Trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney, 2000, Australia

Nature: Seahorse Club is a non-profit social organisation for transvestites and families. Membership of approximately 150, welcomes new members, overseas visitors and offers support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership.

services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, being femme bymeans of a monthly newsletter to members and publishes the magazine "Feminique" on a regular basis. Meetings are held in sydney on the last Friday of each month (except December, when the meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday). Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, etc.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of the meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members require screening in the same way and overseas visitors need to be either screened or have necessary accreditation from a similar organization (e.g. Beaumont Society, Tiffany's).

COMING EVENTS

CALANDER OF MAJOR EVENTS 1984

5/12	Phi Chapter's Rites of Spring Party (Southern NJ)
5/12	Joyce Dewhurst's Debutante Ball (NYC)
5/18-20	Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend (Northeast PA)
5/23	Wisconsin Network's Photography Session
5/30-6/4	Tiffany Club's Provincetown Outing (Cape Cod MA)
6/8	Outreach Institute's Workshop/-Symposium with AASCT/SSSS (Boston)
6/7-10	"Be All You Can Be Weekend" (Michigan)
6/9	Lee Brewster's Party (NYC)
6/21-24	Shangri-La West (Southern CA)
6/23	Joyce Dewhurst's "Miss Trash" Party (NYC)
August	Tiffany Club's 4th Annual Clam Bake (MA)
9/15	Tiffany Club's 6th annual Fall Open House (MA)
9/21-23	Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend (PA)
9/22	Lee Brewster's Party (NYC)
September	Success Chapter's Daytona Beach Vacation (FL)
9/25	Windy City Chapter's "Miss Windy City" Contest (IL)
10/12-21	Fantasia Fair (Cape Cod MA)

NEW ENGLAND

TIFFANY CLUB (Open, non-sexual) Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday

Business Meetings: 8pm, 4th Saturday of each month. General and Key members are encouraged to attend.

Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Anne Ashley, organizer

Transsexual Support Group: Due to the inflexible schedules of guest speakers, regularly scheduled meetings have been cancelled in favor of a flexible schedule. To be placed on the list for notification of events, contact: Charlene May, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Wives Support Group: Irregularly scheduled meetings. (The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 8. Contact: Bobbi C., c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

Educational Classes: 7:30 p.m. 4th Wednesday each month. Subjects vary (make-up, wardrobe & accessories, comportment, sewing, etc.)

4th Annual Provincetown Outing: May 30 thru June 4

3, 4, and 6 day packages available. (See 'Bulletin Board' for details)

Exercise & Self-Defense Class: For six consecutive Sundays at 2 p.m., beginning Sunday May 20. Taught by Karen V. (black belt karate). Cost: $30 for course, proceeds donated to Tiffany Club.

Summer Schedule: Frequent pool parties, bar-b-ques, outings irregularly scheduled

Annual Clam Bake: August. Inquire for time and location.

Annual Fall Open House: Saturday, September 15, 1984

OUTREACH INSTITUTE: P.O. Box 368, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215

Functions: Irregularly scheduled workshops, seminars, etc.

Symposium on Gender Issues for the '80's: Friday, June 8, 1984 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Fantasia Fair: October 12-21, 1984

MAYFOWER SOCIETY: (Boston, sexual alternatives) Box 66, Allston MA 02134 (617)254-7389

Meetings: The weekly meeting usually begins at 7pm each Friday night. The exception is on the week before the monthly party the meeting is on Wednesday rather than Friday.

Parties: Last Saturday of each month.

TV INDEPENDENT CHAPTER: (Boston, non-sexual) Michelle Ann Bolis, P.O. Box 320, Somerville, MA 02144 (617) 623-3884

Meetings: 3rd Saturday each month (except July and August)

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND: (Rhode Island, open, non-sexual) Occupant, Box 143, N. Kingston RI 02852

Meetings: First Saturday evening of each month, and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month.

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Irregularly Scheduled Events: Halcyon sponsors many events such as overnight trips to P-town and Bar Harbor, boat cruises, dinners, etc. Inquire for events, dates and times.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: (Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166
Parties: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.

XX (TWENTY) CLUB: (Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, Box 6070 Sta. 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646
Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

NEW YORK

NYC GGA CHAPTER: (Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, 157 W 57th St., Suite 601, NYC NY 10019 (212)582-6823
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month

JOYCE DEWHURST, BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE: (NYC, open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048
6th Annual Debutante Ball: Saturday, May 12, 1984 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Lido Terrace, 550 3rd Ave, NYC
Crossdresser's Weekend In The Poconos Mountains: May 18-19-20
(See Advertisement)
"Miss Trash" Contest and Party: Saturday, June 23, 1984
Summertime Parties: Irregularly scheduled. Inquire for time & location.
Fall Poconos Weekend: Tentatively scheduled for September 21,22,23

LEE'S MARDI GRAS: (Social) Lee's Mardi Gras , 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036
Party Dates:
Saturday,June 9th
Saturday, September 22nd
Saturday, October 27th
Monday, November 5th
Saturday, November 17th
Monday, December 3rd
Saturday, December 15th
Monday, December 31st
Columbus Day Outing: Weekend outing to Provincetown, MA. tentatively scheduled for the second weekend of October, 1985

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: (NYC, For those with S/M & B/D fantasies) The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Sta., NYC, NY 10163 (212) 477-6588
Functions: Frequent events specifically oriented for the TV. Inquire for times & location.

LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB: (Open, non-sexual) Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Closed, heterosexual) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA

PHI CHAPTER (GGA): (South NJ, Phila., open non-sexual) C/O L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

NU CHAPTER (GGA): (Northern NJ, Open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

SUE HALL: (NJ, TVs and Swingers) Sue Hall Ent., Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831
Meetings: Mondays, dress as you like

DALLAS CHAPTER (GGA): (N.E. PA., open, non-sexual) Miss Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 18612
Meetings: First Saturday each month. (The meeting schedule is subject to change in the near future, so inquire first.)

MID-ATLANTIC

DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA): (Baltimore - DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

ACADAMY AWARDS: (Baltimore - Wash. DC, Drag - gay) c/o B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St A-1416, Alexandria, VA 22215
Functions: Inquire for events, times, and locations

CAPITAL CHAPTER (GGA): (Baltimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Pam Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall VA 22115
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

JANUS/DC: (Washington DC, Transsexual Support) Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011
Meetings: 4th Thursday each month

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER (GGA): (Virginia, open) N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

SOUTH

THE ELITE TV CO.: Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): (Florida, open non-sexual) Susan Armstrong, Box 1601, Pinellas Park FL 33656
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each odd numbered month.
Annual Daytona Beach Vacation: The last week of each September.

FANTASIES IN LACE: (Florida, open non-sexual) 3608 W. Broward Bvl, Ft Lauderdale FL 33312 (305)581-2366
Meetings: Every Saturday

GENDER DYSPHORIA CENTER: (Galveston, transsexual support) Alice (713) 763-6227
Meetings: 1st Saturday each month

DFW-METROPLEX CHAPTER-GGA: (Dallas-Fort Worth, open, non-sexual) Barbara's Boutique, 2620 Scott Ave, Fort Worth, Texas (817) 429-7313
Meetings: 7:30 P.M., every Saturday

MIDWEST

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): (Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled, but very active.
2nd Annual Miss GGA Windy City Chapter Contest: September 25, 1984. Inquire for time & location

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CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: (Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

PARADISE CLUB: (Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 24363, Cleveland OH 44124
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month. (There are reports of socials during the odd numbered months, but inquire first.)

NORTH INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA): (Indiana, Open, non-sexual) c/o Sharon Hart, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: Inquire first

IOWA/ILLINOIS CHAPTER (GGA): (Eastern Iowa, Western Illinois, Open, Non-sexual) Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

WISCONSIN NETWORK: (Open to gay and bi-men and women as well as TVs and TSs, non-sexual) Dee Dailey, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month
May 23, 1984: A photographer will be at the meeting to take portraits.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY: (Colorado, open non-sexual) M.R.S., Box 27795, Denver CO 80227
Meetings: 1st Friday of each month at locations to be announced. Also there are reports of daytime meetings, but inquire first.

DENVER GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: (Service, information, contacts and professional staff serving the cross-dressing community.) Denver GIC, 2715 W. 32nd Ave, Denver CO 80211, 303-458-5378
Morning Group: Inquire for time & day
Adolescent Group: Scheduled according to need. Inquire first.
Spouses Group: 1st Tuesday of each month. (Subject to change. Inquire first.)
Monday Evening Rap Session: Every Monday, 8 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Group: (For those ready to deal with the issues.) Every Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Voice & Movement: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. (by registration only)
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Workshops and seminars for professionals, education, etc. Inquire for topics, times & dates.

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COMMIT: (Colorado, Social/Service) Commit, P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO 80206 (303) 297-9585
Business meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month
Membership meetings: 2nd Tuesday of February, May, September

SOUTHWEST

SPECTRUM: (Arizona, open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix AZ 85063
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

CALIFORNIA

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS): (Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Alpha Chapter: (Los Angeles) Inquire
Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Inquire

CHIC (CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB: Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)249-2442
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

SHANGRI-LA CLUB: (National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri-La West: Annual outing June 21-24, Stallion Springs, California
Shangri-La '84: Annual five-day vacation held each April

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): (Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE (GGA): (Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 (408)734-3773
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month

THURSDAY IRREGULARS: (San Jose, open to non-paranoid transgendered people, non-sexual) By request, all inquiries are: c/o Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER (GGA): (Open, non-sexual) (707) 526-2500
Meetings: 1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday of each month

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER (GGA) (North Ca, Open, Non-sexual) Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento, CA 95838
Meetings: 2nd Friday of each month

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CHAPTER-PORTLAND (GGA): (open, non-sexual, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

EMERALD CITY: (Open, non-sexual) Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE: (TV/TS Support group, non-sexual) Seattle Counseling Service, 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122
Meetings: Every Friday 8-10 p.m.

CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS): (Open, non-sexual) CP 1164 Succ H, Montreal, Que Can H3G-2N1
Meetings: 2nd Saturday 2:00pm, and 4th Thursday 7:30pm.

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LETTERS

Dear Merissa

I received my copy of the Tapestry today and I must say that it is improving with every issue. You must be proud of your accomplishments and if you are not, let me tell you that we are proud of you.

Lee A. (ME)

Dear Merissa

Coming to Tiffany has brought me so much joy and peace it's incredible. These few months have already made up for those years and years of yearning and sadness. My spouse continues to waiver, although I realize that as thing generally go with most of us, I am lucky to have the openness and support she does have. I am pleased when she meets others at the Club. She has admitted to me that all the ladies, and the wives too, are really so very nice.

Paula (MA)

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Dear Merissa

GREAT!

FANTASTIC!

I'm talking about the last issue of the Tapestry which brought us the most important CD, TV, and TS associations in the country and even overseas. Excellent!

Also, thank you for publishing my letter. I felt terrific while reading it. I also read other sisters letters, which emphasized, all of them, your good work, worries, care, charm, and (sorry...I'm short of appropriate words to describe what I feel) conscious of what your doing. Just admirable. God bless you and give you health and strength to stay with us, guiding, counseling, pushing, helping us to feel real confidence.

Very nice commentary about Lee Brewster and Lee's organization. She indeed is a very fine person who has tried hard, and who's keeping herself on the track of latest technology. Now that Lee's getting away from her store and mail-order business, which she deserves, I believe, as I overheard it, she'll be back at the front line to continue the fight - now with her experience, and direction, and counseling those of us who want to fight. You well know we have to do it. Other groups have done it and are getting respect and recognition, but we are still considered perverts, which is unfair, don't you think so?

Harriet Lane's TV report. Yeah!!! That was a sordid story. The problem is, they always find the way to make sordid stories out of an unconspicuous accident. They, the establishment, have no interest at all in having us lose freedom despite the Constitution, which proclaims freedom of expression in spite of race, sex or origins (more or less). Harriet does have a lot of guts, having been exposed and revealed to the media, and still fight for his (her) rights in his (her) very home town. I wish I had some spare money to help him (her) out; but this season is pretty busy for photographers like me. I know I'll have some, and I'll share some with such a brave sister who deserves all support we can give her (him). Bravo Harriet!!! Continue ahead, you've got the guts.

Dee Dailey, whose letter you published on pages 32-33, is also a

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courageous GG who's got a profound knowledge of us and our distresses. I do believe she deserves attention.

Mariette Pathy Allen wrote a very good concise article entitled "Men As Women," and much better was the following song from "La Cage Aux Folles". That's assertiveness Merissa, as well as "Men In Women's Clothes" by Dee Dee W., and "A Wife's Experience At Fantasia Fair" by Flo N., and so on.

It's always a real pleasure to receive your communications, read 'em right away and proceed to answer them. You certainly are a special kind of an inspirational star.

Diana (NJ)

Dear Merissa

Just a line to say hello and let you know that I enjoy receiving and reading "Tapestry". I have nothing but praise for it. I find it very informative, well put together, and in very good taste.

Terri (NV)

Dear Merissa

Thanks again for your copy of the Tapestry. You are really doing a great job with it. You will realize that I am in a better position than many to appreciate your efforts having assembled and published 'Transvestia' for 20 years. There is a lot of time consuming work in your efforts and although I am sure that you have others helping you, you are still the Maitresse D of the effort and I appreciate it.

Virginia Prince

Dear Merissa

Do you know something - the long I am a TV, the MORE I love it! And you know, I thing most TVs feel exactly the same way. I have written a couple of editorials dealing with that subject for Albany TVIC, and I feel more strongly about it every day. It's simply a fact that the more time that passes, the more we get to know ourselves and the more comfortable we become.

What started out so long ago as a

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strange longing to see, feel, touch and finally, WEAR anything feminine has now become a very natural desire to just be me. At age 12, a bra and panties were so exciting that orgasm had to be consciously avoided, and even all my will power forestalled the inevitable for perhaps two hours. And, of course, each orgasm meant guilt, and guilt never helps anyone with anything!

It's almost 30 years later and my bra and panties still excite me, so does my skirt, eye shadow, heels, etc. but there is a difference. Oh, I'm not about to lie and say my feminine things don't still require a certain degree of counter-masterbatory will power (to which I still lose on occasion) but I can say I don't have anymore GUILT! Thank God, and people like YOU.

And, "Thank you," to my loving wife. During my first marriage, as I learned more about TVism, the guilt started to erode and I began to think I could actually begin to share what I had learned with others. The whole process is so painfully slow it would take a book to tell. My unknowing wife forced me to hide for almost 17 years, yet I found time and money and courage to express my femininity at every available moment. I gradually learned there were hundreds of thousands, that it was OK to be a woman. There were others wearing garterbelt, stockings and panties under their three piece suits. And when I got up the nerve I discovered other people in Lee Brewster's Boutique buying feminine intimates, high heels, wigs, cosmetics - you name it. I actually rented a P.O. box and subscribed to every lingerie catalog and fashion magazine on the market. I joined the Albany TVIC. I wrote a few letters, I felt better.

Events having nothing whatever to do with my femininity caused my divorce. I had never expected to ever remarry, but I vowed that if I should ever remarry I would not keep my femininity a secret. I didn't. My new wife listened. S-l-o-w-l-y she began to understand. I never pushed her, knowing that could ruin it. Eventually I began to realize that she really liked it but was afraid of her feelings. I

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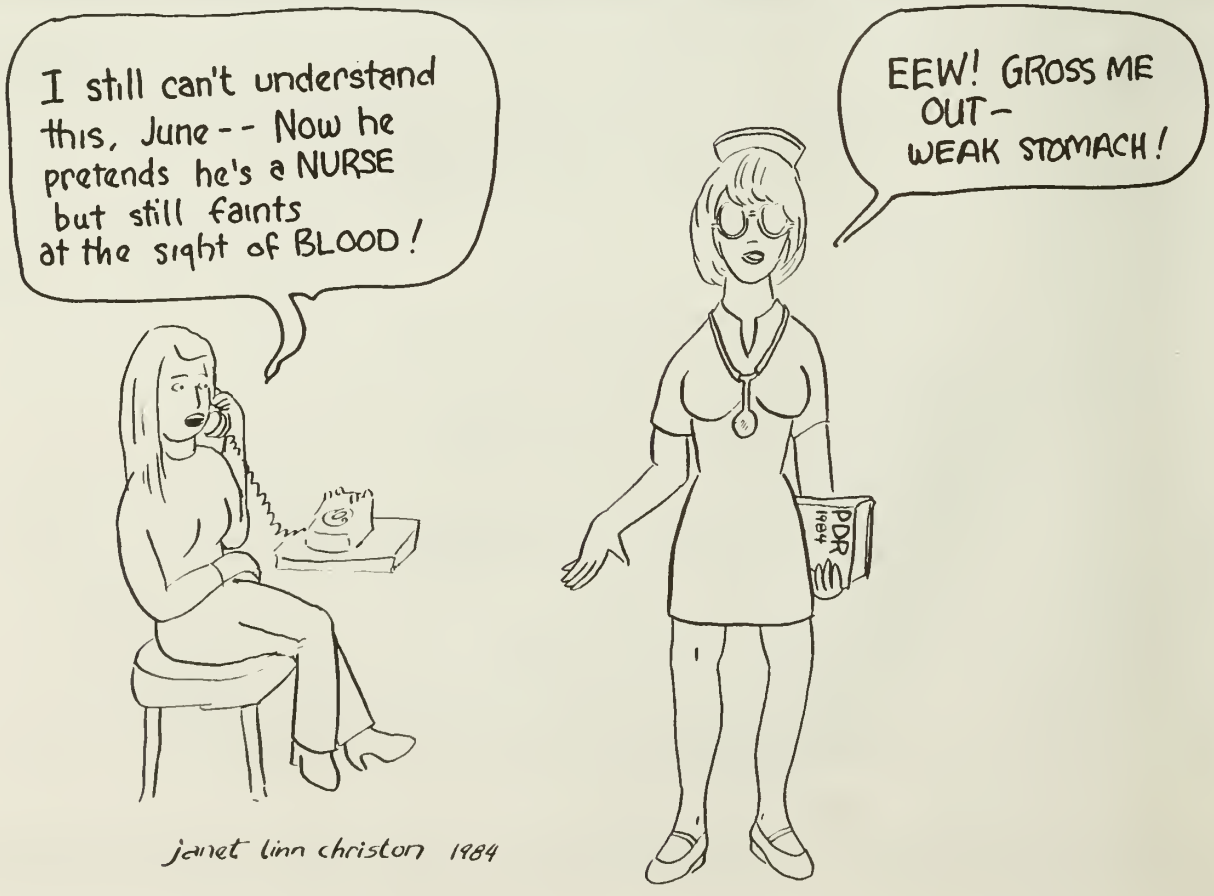

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could CERTAINLY relate to that feeling. For how many years had I loved being a woman, yet was afraid and guilty. Oh, we're still a long way from home, but she's been so wonderful that the next few steps we might even take together - I hope so.

At this point I almost always sleep in 'sexy' lingerie, i.e. bra, garter-belt, stockings, perhaps cami and tap pants. She seems genuinely disappointed if I don't, or if she comes home and finds I'm not in a bra, panties, etc. under my male clothing. She has applied cosmetics on a few occasions, and did a great job, but high heels, a wig and dresses are still on the horizon. I don't think the horizon is too far off. In a couple of weeks we're both going to Lee Brewster's!

My friend Priscilla Greene has written to you about me. she is helping me a great deal. She is a beautiful person. She can teach me so much and I know she has been helpful to so many others. She encouraged me in my writing to the Albany TVIC, and has suggested I write for the Tapestry, which I would love to do. I can write about eh dangers of guilt or how to buy a merry widow. I can write about the joys of wearing feminine underfashins in a male world, or effective fanny padding, or the physiology of the male/female nipple and teddies that don't "bind', or finding correct stocking length or developing your breasts with a bra. My column title probably discribes what I do best - finding and fitting the proper lingerie and foundations to the TV. The UNDIE World of Carol Taylor.

You do a wonderful job. I'd love to help a bit.

Carol Taylor (NY)

TRANSSEXUALS ANONYMOUS

Dear Merissa

I finally came out of the closet in 1981, and have lived full time as a woman for the past three years. I have had absolutely no hassles with the local police or anyone else, whether it be shopping, driving, getting gasoline, getting my car repaired, or hiring men to fix things at my home.

In 1981 I founded transsexuals Anonymous, a gender identity discussion group that meets Wednesdays from 7 to 11 P.M. at my home.

My surprise was in changing my name permanently to Rhoda Ray Williams on all documents and drivers' licenses - very easy, except birth certificate stays the same. State laws permit one to change his or her name or to use 2 or more names. It is not necessary to go to probate court to change your name - just change it to whatever you want.

Living as a woman has been marvelous for me - a new adventure - an enjoyable voyage thru life - and it isn't really a matter of who knows what you are or if you are read - because that isn't really of any importance. Some of us pass, some of us don't, but it doesn't matter. You can dress and live as you wish, and it doesn't require an expensive weekend in P-town. I've been doing it for 3 years successfully.

Miss Rhoda Ray Williams (MA)

(For additional information, contact Rhoda at: 617-867-7684)

Dear Merissa

The Tapestry continues to improve with each publication. You deserve so many compliments for the work you do. It also appears to me that others in the Club who are assisting in keeping our club going also deserve a vote of thanks. If it were not for such lovely dedicated people like yourself and those who surround you, we out in the boonies would have nothing.

Lee

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Dear Merissa

I just received the first copy of the Tapestry. The magazine is excellent, both in format and information, and all staff members are to be congratulated on a supurb piece of work.

I look forward to future issues.

Susan (CAN)

Dear Merissa

Last week I purchased your magazine for the first time. Your magazine is a pleasure to read, from thefirst page to the last page everything is in good taste. It is nice to read.

Barbara (PA)

Dear Merissa

I very much enjoy reading the Tapestry and marvel at the excellent job that you and the other girls have done. It improves with each issue and issue 41 is just great. Thank you so much for your continuing efforts.

Suzanne (MA)

Dear Merissa

I thank you for the marvellous new Tapestry. Looks great! I understand thatlots of work and energy are invested in your publication and I can suppose that there are sleepless nights before the Tapestry is ripe for the printer. Keep up the fine professional work.

Mary Lou (CAN)

Dear Merissa

I applaud your unifying effort which has long been needed to bring all of the splinter groups together. This is precisely what has made gays so effective in gaining acceptance.

Eve (IL)

(Not to be taken too seriously - ED)

TRAGIC STORY

by Dee Dee W

(This tragic story has so many ramifications that it is best to identify the two persons involved:-

Warren Peece - age 65, retired, social Security recipient, transvestite.

"Poppy" Cawk - age 45, dilettante, transvestite.)

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Warren and Poppy first met at a group therapy meeting. They were attracted to each other and a romance developed. At one point they confessed to an overwhelming desire to change their sex.

An agreement was entered into. They would both save their money, have simultaneous operations and then get married. All went as planned and the marriage was a gala affair. 'The Institute For The Better Understanding Of Things Not Understood' sent a fil crew and the ceremony was recorded on film. (Copies may be purchased at any hardware store.)

Now, of course, with their sex change, all records had to brought up to date and, this is where the fertilizer hit the fan, in notifying the Social Security Administration, Poppy - now Warren, gave her age as 45. Warren - now Poppy - gave her age as 65 with no record of ever being employed. In due course, the computers caught up with this and Poppy - now Warren - was notified that no more checks would be sent out and, since at age 45 checks had been sent out in error that all monies must be returned.

With no income at all our friends were now stony broke. They tried to move in with their parents but the Peece's would have nothing to do with a new 'son'. The Cawk's would have nothing to do with a daughter who had to shave twice a day.

However, love found a way. Mr. & Mrs. Warren Peece are employed as dish washers in a local restaurant and are studying to become short order cooks. I know we all wish them well.

Moral - ??????

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PROVINCETOWN

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

The Tiffany Club's Spring Outing.... The Outreach Institute's Fantasia Fair.... Lee Brewster's Columbus Day Weekend.... Carnival - The Drag Ball - The bars that welcome us - the motels and guest houses that welcome us - the restaurants that welcome us - the gift shops that welcome us - the town that welcomes us....

We can talk about Provincetown in the usual tourist-type superlatives. It is a picturesque Portuguese fishing village and 'artist' colony that rests like and exclamation point at the end of a tourist's dream (Cape Cod). 'P-town' is surrounded by deep blue ocean and miles of brilliant beach. It's beautiful! It is beautiful enough to bring thousands of tourists back year after year. But I am a special tourist; I'm a transvestite. What brings me back year after year?

Provincetown's people bring me back year after year.

From the moment you arrive it is obvious that the people of Provincetown are unique. They run the spectrum of

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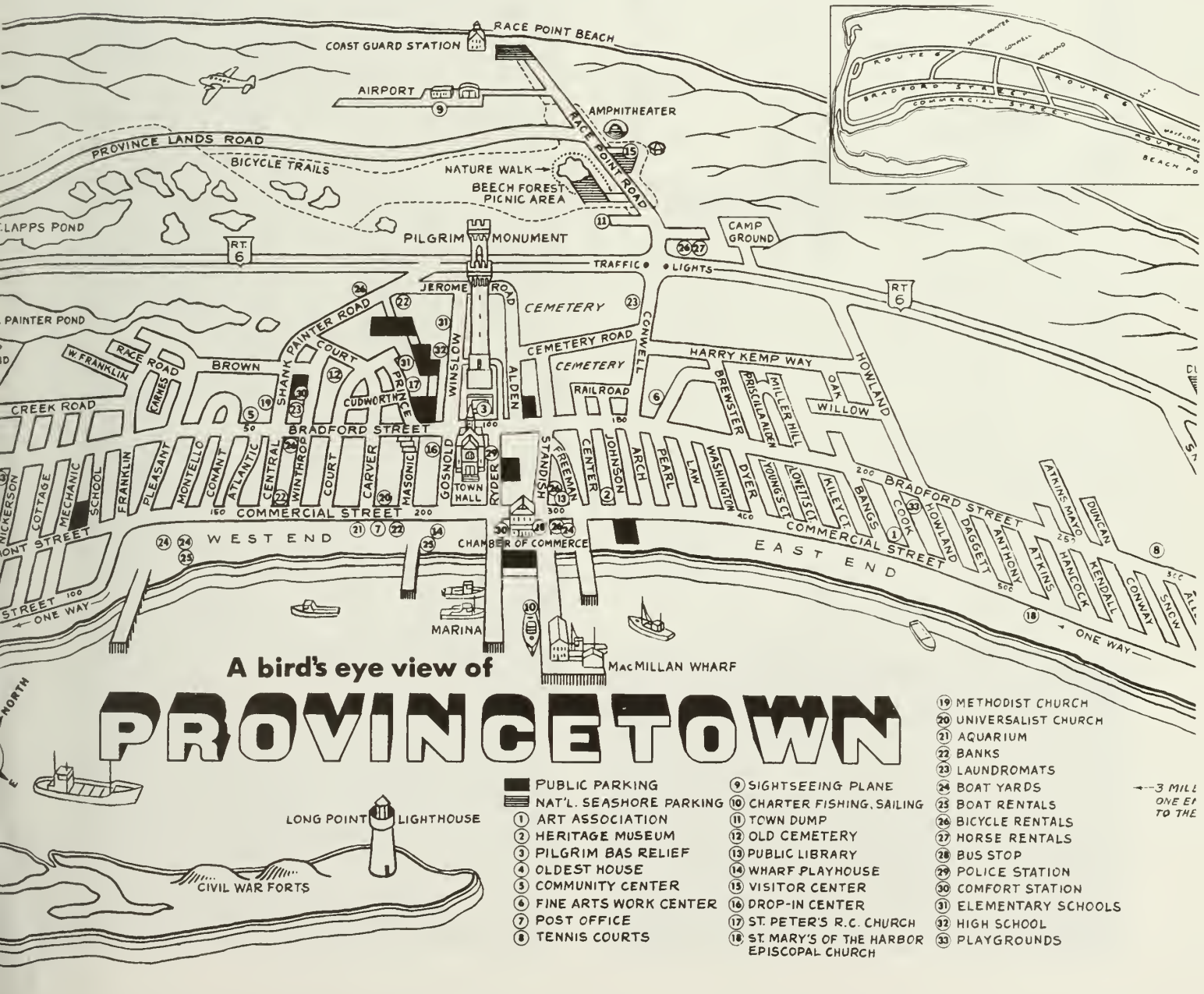

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lifestyles, from gay to straight, from fisherman to artist, from young to old. Yet, from this conglomeration is a sense of harmony, of tolerance, and of respect for each other. It is precisely that mixture of people that make Provincetown so appealing. The community is like an artist's palette, and each person a different hue. The more colors, the more radient the palette. When I come into town wearing my favorite frocks and glowing with my special sense of happiness, I am just one more color for the palette, one more person lending my own unique qualities to the community.

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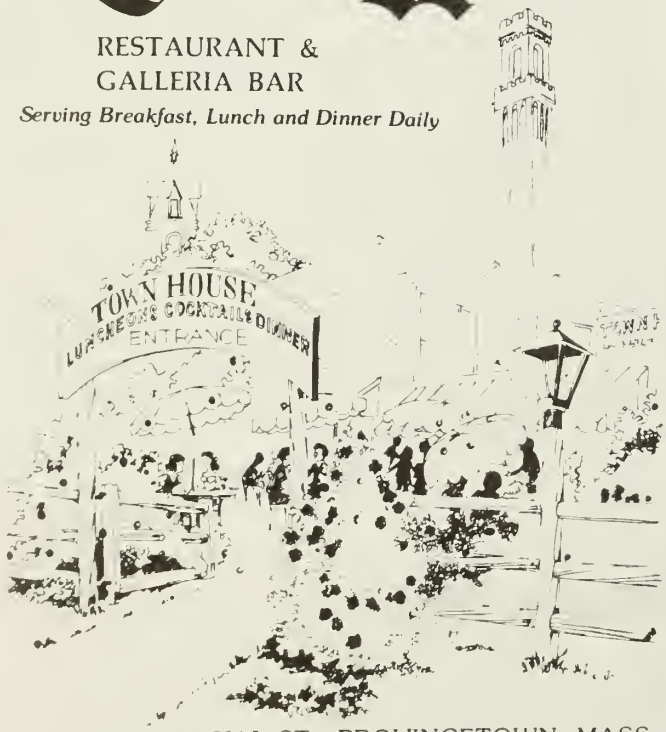

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There are so many wonderful people that make up the Provincetown tableau that it would be impossible to give them fair attention, or give you a better understanding of P-town. For instance, I would love to share with you the joy of visiting with Preston in his marvelous nic-nac museum he calls the Rose & Crown, or the experience of being confronted by a huge black-bearded fisherman who stopped me for no other reason than to say "us guys" were terrific and he hoped we had a wonderful time. Perhaps introducing you to just a few representative individuals will give you that understanding.

Linda Gerard: During the Tiffany Club's first Spring Outing, Linda Gerard was entertaining at the Pied Piper bar and offered to give us a show. Linda, who also lives an alternative lifestyle, seemed to know

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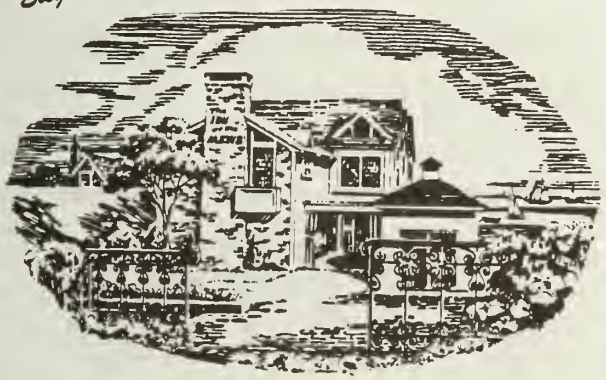

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our souls. She sang to us about feelings, about being true to ourselves, and about honesty. She made us laugh, and above all, she made us cry. The performance she gave us was so moving, and so powerful, and so meaningful, that the people who were fortunate enough to be there are still talking about it.

Pat and Ernie: Each time I enter the Pronto Restaurant, the owners, Pat and Ernie, treat me like a guest in their living room - like family. They give to me a genuine warmth that I have never known in any commercial establishment anywhere else. I am not special - they treat most everybody that way. Pat and Ernie are special.

Oscar and Charlotte: On Commercial Street there is a Universalist Church. On the flat walls inside the church is one of the finest examples of three-dimensional art anywhere. The atmosphere is beautiful, and certainly

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inspirational. I am not a religious person, so the 'church' per se doesn't mean that much to me, but I do appreciate its beauty. The first time I wandered into the church to see the artwork, the caretaker greeted me like I was the queen herself. That alone was enough to create a warm spot in my heart, but he then took me by my hand and gave me a tour. He spoke of his

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church with so much pride and so much love that I couldn't help but love it as well. He made me feel that, even though I was not a religious person, I belonged there. After the tour I was introduced to Charlotte, an elderly lady with white-white hair and a beautiful warm smile. She proceeded to tell me how nice it was to meet me, and how much fun it was to work with the ladies from Fantasia Fair, and what wonderful friendships she had made. She talked to me of her church, of her town, and of love and caring. She talked of the townspeople as if they were her children, and of the transvestites as if they were her special daughters. In effect, she had just adopted me. What an extraordinary feeling that was! Since that time this wonderful lady has for me come to represent all that is good in Provincetown.

The townspeople: Each year Fantasia Fair has a talent show, and from time to time I participate. One year I had written a song about myself, basically a song of identity and pride. I sang it because I wanted to, and not because I had any great message to pass on to anybody. Yet, when I had finished, people were crying, and people I didn't know, people with completely different sexual orientations and lifestyles, were coming up to me and hugging me. I thought back to Linda Gerard. Linda had touched our souls. She communicated with us, and made us understand. I had just done the same thing. It made me realize that in Provincetown it is our differences that make us alike, and that we are all just people after all.

That is why I come back to Provincetown year after year.

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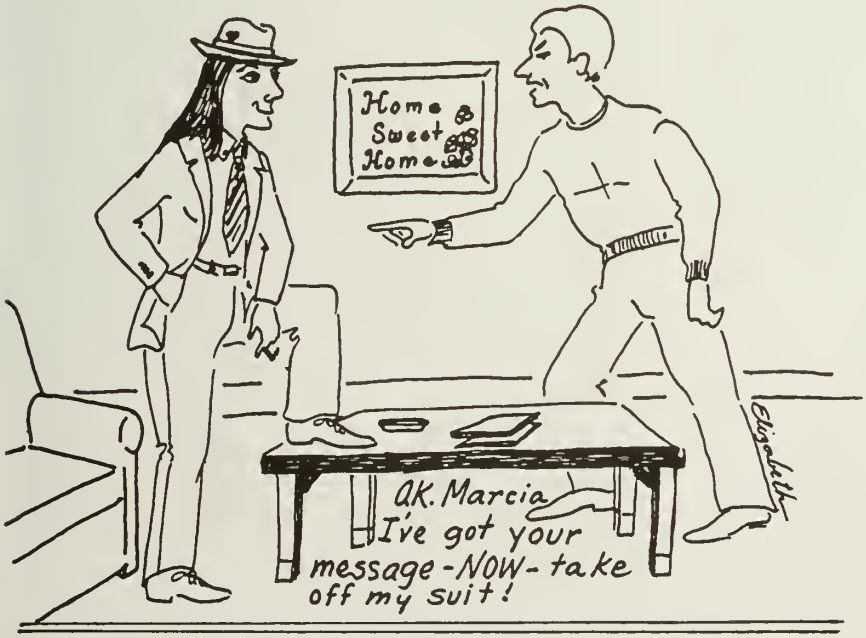
Shiela (PA), Diana (NJ), and Susan (CA) at the Ocean's Inn restaurant during Lee G. Brewster's Provincetown Outing, October 1983. - (photo credit: Diana Lalinde)



I had a patient named
Clete
Whose hair was always so
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- Anon

I had a patient named
Clyde
Who liked to dress like a
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And pranced in white lace
His excitement was hard to
hide.

- Anon

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PERSONAL STATEMENT
by Paula Louise Riordan

One thing that has made a deep impression on me since I first found my way to the Tiffany Club last Fall, is that there are so many really lovely persons out there who share the same thoughts and feelings about cross-dressing that I have had ever since I was a small child.

I remember how frightened and confused I was as a teenager thinking that I was the only person in the whole world who felt like this, and I felt so isolated, so alone. It is not something that you think you can share with someone without suffering shame, rejection and ridicule. In my ignorance I worried at first that I must be homosexual, but I soon realized that my 'problem' was different, and I was at a total loss as to what to do about it. I found quickly enough that denial, suppression and running away from my feelings simply did not work. God knows that I made heroic efforts in that direction. I buried myself in my studies, and idled away many solitary hours as an amateur astronomer, star gazing through my little 3 inch telescope, or tinkering with my amateur radio station, and I did fairly well at the not-very sociable game of chess. But my deep inner feminine thoughts and feelings, longings and desires, would never go away. However, I was never really 'effeminate' in the usual sense of the word. My family and friends saw in me a kind gentle sympathetic, caring person, never belligerant, vulger or crude, and they seemed to like me that way.

In my post-college days I often found myself out-numbered when I spoke in defense of women's equality with men, and of men sharing more in the responsibilities of home-making and child-rearing, and in the early days of my marriage, people used to congratulate my wife for having found such a caring, supportive and sensitive spouse.

Some place along the way it became clear to me that Paula was not just a make-believe. She was an important part of my real self. In many deep and mysterious ways I am really she.

In recent times I have read a little into the whys and wherefores of transvestism and transsexualism, - enough to learn that no one really knows the answers to these questions. Yet I am convinced that there is something 'givin', something objective about my feminine soul. It is not simply the result of any free or arbitrary choice on my part. Of course I am responsible for what Paula does, but I am not responsible for who Paula is. I do not know whether in my pre-natal days I somehow took the 'wrong' turn at some milestone in my development, or whether, as a tiny baby my personality became the creature of a well-meaning environment that had hoped for and expected a girl. With several older brothers up and running, the adults in my small life were clearly disappointed. I'm sure they would never have intentionally 'confused' me, but the making of a little person is at the mercy of so many subtle forces.

Still, I do not spend a great deal of time wondering about the whys and wherefores. As one of the ladies at Tiffany Claub said to me one night, "A person who loves to play golf does not ask 'why do I love to play golf?'" With crossdressing, one doesn't need to know why because the knowledge whouldn't help any. It wouldn't make any difference.

The simple road to peace for a crossdresser is to calmly and even joyfully recognize and accept the fact.

It would be nice if other people could accept us as we are and let us be, to come and go and do our thing in peace. There are a few social enclaves

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where this is already possible.

One evening recently, a couple of the ladies at Tiffany Club and I got all dolled up and went out to dinner at a very nice restaurant in Boston. I mean you could bring your grandmother there. As we walked the block from our car to the restaurant, a patrol car did slow down and we could feel the eyes of the law following us as we went. We didn't mind, though. They were doing their job and they soon know there was nothing they needed to do as far as we were concerned. In the restaurant we were treated very courteously by those who waited on us. I noticed a few stares, a few knowing smiles, but very few. for the most part, that very large crowd paid no attention to us at all.

It is my hope that in our society we can begin to expect fair treatment before the law, but beyond that, I am not optimistic. Most folks will never like us, or want to have anything to do with us. Some will, because of fear and ignorance, thoroughly despise us, and lay heavy trips on us, contending that they must protect their women and children from the likes of us.

It is so hard for me, knowing what I do about ourselves, to imagine how a woman with her small child would be in any danger at our gentle hands.

Of course I know that there are weird people in the world who do bizarre things, and I guess some of them crossdress. But the ladies I have met at Tiffany Club are not weird. They are among the more intelligent, better educated, highly moral people I have met or expect to meet on this earth.

I am sure I will never figure out where they are coming from or where they are going, but I am happy at last that I can walk with them, and hold my head up high, and smile.

- END -

THE SISTERHOOD
by Terri Scott

Women share a sisterhood, a common bond of understanding for which there is no male counterpart. This bond produces confiding relationships that are a rarity amongst men. Men simply have no common bond.

The common bond amongst women is their sexuality. Every woman knows what it is to be a woman. They share common experiences, menstration, pregnancy and childbirth and the physical changes that are a part of a woman's child bearing capabilities. Men have no such common experience, each goes his own way through life.

Women who have never met, instantly have a common bond when they meet.

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They are female and know what each other has or will face during life. Men upon meeting for the first time search for common areas of interest, the fact that they are men has no special meaning nor do they have that unique bond of sexuality that unites women.

The sisterhood of womankind alludes us, yet we all try for it despite the fact that we are not women physically. A fortunate few find a female who will share her womanhood with them and accept them into the sisterhood. It is a wonderful experience, one that any TV who has experienced it treasures.

However, we are not left out in the cold like "normal" man because in our mutual quest to be female, many of us develop close relationships with other TVs. For we share a common bond, the desire to be women. Sharing this intense desire results in close relationships unknown to "normal" men.

We share many of the things about being female that women share and then we share the unique problems, frustrations and happiness of being women. We are a sisterhood, we share a unique desire and we all have experienced similar happenings in our lives because of our desire. Our experiences may not be identical as is the situation with women and menstration, pregnancy and childbirth, but they are similar and unique to us and us alone giving us a common bond.

We are a sisterhood, and I am glad we are.

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(ANOTHER MUSICAL CLASSIC BY DEE DEE W.)
(Sing to "Shanty Town")

She's only a TV in old Provincetown.
Her bosom uplifted, her b--ls hanging down.
This lady so fair with her mop of false hair,
Has as much chance of passing as Yogi the Bear.
But hope spring eternal, she puts on a face,
And wiggles her fanny all over the place.
And she ambles about in Goodwill's latest gown,
Our TV in old Provincetown.

She's only my GG, she's all that I've got,
She's my only GG and she ain't so hot.
She eats like a pig and walks like a goose,
her arches are gone and her teeth are all loose.
She's cross-eyed and homely and all out of gear,
Her breath is so bad it once knocked down a steer.
But, altho she's a slob, she's got a very good job.
I love you, my GG, my dear.

She's my only GG, the best that I've met.
She's my only GG, I love her, you bet.
Sometimes when I splurge and spend a bit much,
In more ways than one, she's there in the clutch.
Daytimes we meet in places quite strange,
Ev'nings and week-ends it's "home on the range."
But when it's all over in heaven we'll be,
My wife and my GG and me.

- END -

HUMOR

MISS F.P. (Femmephile)
or, The Fetishist Reformed
by Elaine Willey

Based on, and set to the music of, Bunthorne's Recitative ("Am I alone and Unobserved?") and Song ("If You're Anxious For To Shine") from 'Patience' by Gilbert and Sullivan.

INTRODUCTION

(Performer is dressed as a dominatrix-type TV, with garish makeup, whips and chains, tightly laced corset, extreme high heels, etc.)

Am I alone and unobserved?...Iam!
Then let me own: I'm a fetishistic sham!
This glossy smear...is but a mere...veneer!
These gadgets vile...do but defile...true style!
This costume laced...is but good taste...misplaced!
Let me confess:
A languid love for lascivious lace lingerie does not blight me!
Five-inch high heels in collections of three hundred pairs do not excite me!
I do not long to take up residence at the Marquis De Sade Society.
I do not delight in blowing the minds of the straights with my egregious impropriety.
I am not intrigued by suggestive and seductive greetings at open meetings.
In short, my entire manner is hitherto been based on affectation,
Formerly nourished by pubescent storms, but now: chaste...subdued...and worthy of unqualified admiration!

(Costume change: Performer reappears as a properly dressed Tri-Ess lady, standing beside a small table, on which are props [dolls, a Tri-Ess 'bunny card', and a copy of "Transvestia"] which are displayed at the appropriate points.)

SONG

If you're anxious for to shine in the femmiphilic line as a girl whose gender's pure,
You must strive to be uncomplicated, always sure that you'll be rated modest and demure.
Though your taste is artificial, that it's feminine is official, so throughout your home we'll find
Satin dolls that are such honeys, and delightful little bunnies - surely not of the Playboy kind!
And everyone will say,
As you walk your genteel way,
"If she's content with such rarefied delights, which would certainly not suit me,
Why, what a very proper and refined young girl this pure young girl must be!"

All your talk must have allusions to the burgeoning profusions of new words which fit our case,
For there's "femmiphile", "femmepersons", and there's "femmespeak" (and still worse ones), yet each femmeword has its place.
For neologistic passion must become the latest fashion, so we'll not be thought to be
Even close to gays or TVs--they all give us heebie jeebies--and that's why we say: "F.P."!
And everyone will say,
As you wend your lofty way,
"If this young girl expresses herself in terms too deep for me,
Why, what a very sensitive, perceptive girl this deep young girl must be!"

Now, the sensual and erotic must impress you as psychotic and unfit to cloud the scene,
But you'll show, when you are able, this "Transvestia" on the table--it's a family magazine!
Though a tale of boys in corsets and stern ladies who use force gets you excited and enthralled,
All your thrills are intellectual, and most certainly not sexual, so no one need be appalled.
And everyone will say,
As you mince your pristine way,

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"From the elegant comportment that this girl displays, it is evident she must be
The essence of uncomplicated, uninflated, understated femininity!"
- END -

- HALEY TIRESIUS

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ON QUEENS, DREAMS, GAYS, GARP, AND BEING DIFFERENT
by Haley Tiresius

Time was when a man who wore a dress into an ordinary nightclub would quickly find himself rejected, ejected, dejected, and otherwise in deep trouble--unless of course his legs were as shaply as mine!

Times have changed. Today, if you are a guy in drag and go into one of the better bars, you will not only get a drink, someone else will probably buy it for you, and ask for an autograph. The barmaid will ask if a movie is being shot in the neighborhood, and patrons will slide over to ask if, by chance, you are really John Lithgow or Dustin Hoffman. If you really look good, someone may even ask if you are Haley Tiresius and demand a free magazine. Tiresius knows!

Hollywood's kleig lights and market maniac minds are responsible for the change of ambience. The drag queen and the transsexual--the 'she-male'-- have become good box office. No television soap opera is now complete unless at least one of its established characters is agonizing through a "sex change," and Tinsel Town has become so enamored with actors who look good in drag that top male stars are reported shaving their legs and waiting in lines at the electrolysis clinic just to be prepared to compete for the next casting opportunity.

Not all of the features and TV soap featuring TVs and ersatz TSs have been all that charming. "The French Comedy" and its sequel, "La Cages aux Folles" started the drag rolling about a year ago--badly from this transsexual's point of view. These two movies attempted to create farcical comedy from a cliche situation revolving around stereo-types--an aging effeminate gay nightclub owner riding herd on the bitchy, prancy female impersonating queens of his club's troupe. The fairy father's son is, of course, straight as an arrow and embarrassed by his father, mostly because he wants to marry a rich society chick (a real one, of course!). The French movies were not without their touching moments. Some of the lines spoken in French were quite cute in French, but if the viewer's knowledge of French was limited to a sexual proclivity, the subtitles sterilized whatever cleverness occurred in the dialogue.

"La Cages aux Folles" did no favors for gender dysphoric TVs and TSs. Those who laughed at this flick could just as easily throw stones at a transvestite and giggle.

At about the same time, Bette Midler's "The Rose" did well at the box office. "The Rose"--the fictionalized

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story based on Janis Joplin's life--included a sequence shot in a heterosexual-filled nightclub with professional female impersonators. The sequence included a number with Russell Eliot, one of the top impersonators in the country. The scene was an upper--it was the female impersonator as legitimate entertainment and at her most entertaining.

These furtive but financially successful attempts to bring drag off the triple X shelf and into the neighborhood theatre, were but a hint of the blitz to follow. Producing something for every market and age group, Hollywood attacked with "Dressed To Kill,", "Victor, Victoria," "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid," "Young Doctors In Love," "Things Are Tough All Over," "Tootsie," and "The World According To Garp." Hollywood gender-fucked America and pranced to the bank.

This veritable carnival of cross-dressing found some of America's best known--and disgustingly wholesome--actors and actresses jumping gender and doing drag before the magic mirror of the camera lens. Ever versatile Steve Martin manages to appear as two women in "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid" (confirming my suspicions that TV comics are latent TVs). In "Victor, Victoria"--possibly the best comedy of the lot--Robert Preston and Julie Andrews both do drag and gender bend so effectively that even James Garner is left feeling confusingly gay. Cheech and Chong, slapstick types who could turn The Age of Decadence into A Moment of Desolation, manage to work a drag scene into "Things Are Tough All Over," and Hector Elizondo plays a nurse in a drag of comedy, "Young Doctors In Love." These latter two machine-made comedies prove the magic of drag in the movie market, at least in the assessment of current film moguls. Both of these movies would have been equally as tawdry with or without the drag scenes.

Closet crossdressers, professional female impersonators, transvestites, and transsexuals are accustomed to being considered as curious people, too often as objects of derision. All of these comedies, from "La Cages aux Folles" to Cheech and Chong do little to improve anyone's social understanding of gender differences--but they do little hurt to the gender dysphoric person either. The drag queen is portrayed as possibly quite funny, but not especially sick and sinister. And "The Rose" at least demonstrated that the female impersonator at her best can be excellent entertainment.

But all of these comedies and more may be needed to balance the sinister effects of "Dressed To Kill" with its sick and sensational portrayal of the transvestite as a psychotic murderer, and worse, its enormous impact of this film at the box office. I am frequently asked what my own definition of pornography is--an obvious question, I guess, for one who's mostly naked body has flashed forth from more than a few slick pages. The word "pornographic" comes from the Greek word meaning "to prostitute." I think there is an enormous difference between "pornography" and "erotic entertainment." I happen to believe that sensual sex is as legitimate an object for art and entertainment as humor and love. I also happen to believe that the sexual can be pornographic when it is projected in a sexist, dehumanizing, prurient, bizarre, or horrible manner. By my standards, "Dressed To Kill" is pornographic as hell, appealing to the basest curiosities of the prurient human psyche.

"Dressed To Kill," now making its second multi-million dollar run through the nation's movie theatres, is one of the more successful in a long run of psycho-horror films which proves that dollars are a great deal more important than taste among Hollywood executives. I have often wondered why funny-erotic films showing people laughing and making love like "Deep Throat" and "Debbie Does Dallas," should be labeled pornographic and confiscated from sensationally raided movie theatres while pathetic psycho-horror films depicting in graphic color rape, murder, human dismemberment, psychotic personalities, and a general disregard and certainly disrespect for human life itself run free in shopping malls with modest "PG" and "R" ratings.

From my point of view, "Dressed To Kill" is not only a generally pernicious film, it is also a film which presents a serious threat to an

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already misunderstood minority--the gender dysphoric. Society can hardly be said to be well informed about gender dysphoric individuals such as trasvestites, fun-loving crossdressers, and transsexuals. One big reason is that these people tend to be shy, private, mostly closeted individuals. "Dressed To Kill," by projecting the inaccurately stereotyped image of the transvestite as a psychotic murderer to a generally uninformed audience not only fed an already ignorant suspicion of crossdressers but helped to create a more dcangerous climate for those transsexuals in transition and female impersonators who do and must go about in public. TVs and drag queens rarely appear in the daily news as perpetrators of violence; but as victims of sexually deranged rapists and killers; we are frequent items in the crime columns. It is also basically true that most crimes against crossdressers which result in less than murder, go unreported. (Tiresius knows this too well!!!)

"Dressed To Kill" with its popular success can only have helped to feed a social climate where violence against the person is becoming common-place and where those who are sexually different are sparated out as specific targets for psychotic attack. I would rather be laughed at then raped and murdered. I find life--and being different--far more entertaining without movies such as "Dressed To Kill" that stirs up the animals in the jungle!

As a group, these comedies and horror flicks certainly show that there is a facination with crossdressing and with the androgynous, something the slick entertainment magazines have known since the term "She-Male" became common and Sulka's splendid body began to compete for centerfold space with the stacked genetic females of earlier times. But as a bundle, these movies do little to inform society about the gender dysphoric life--about the transsexual or their lifestyle. Judging from these films, society may be facinated--but it is not informed. Transsexuals may as be Muppets!

But we are not Muppets. Nor are transvestites or professional female impersonators or heterosexuals who occasionally enjoy crossdressing Muppets. We are, to resort to a cliche, people too. Gender dysphoric people, each of us struggles to cope with our gender feelings in different ways, sometimes creatively, sometimes not. Those of us who are, know well what it is like to be gender dysphoric at the extreme, to be transsexual. and those of us who choose to work, play and live within the mainstream of society rather than in gay ghettos or protected closets also learn to expect the occasional derision and ignorant prejudice that are too often the result of powerfully projected false stereotypes. The truth of modern society is that those who are not gender dysphoric consider anyone who is to be totally silly and queer. By too many, the transsexual is tolerated at best as the "Klinger" of "MASH," the Cheech and Chongs of life's comedy. At worst, we are the faggot queens of the social backstreet.

If the non-gender dysphoric learn more about transsexuals, it is by accident. Such an accident may be the movie I have mentioned but not discussed: "The World According To Garp."

Although I saw most of the other drag featured films of the year, I did not enjoy them. As a reviewer for a local magazine, watching them was work; seeing the shoddy portrayals of slapstick queens in most of them was depressing. I had no assignment to see "Garp," and after putting Irving's novel down without finishing it, I had no intention to see the movie version. The year had shown me quite enough of others like me being ridiculed on the silver screen.

But I am fortunate, possibly because of my writing and excellent experiences in swinging, in that I enjoy many close friends of diverse backgrounds who seem to like me in spite of my eccentricities and transsexuality. It was from some of my "straightest" friends that I began to feel the pressure to "go see 'Garp' and tell us what you think." At first I resisted, sure that my friends were merely curious about how a struggling transsexual would view the serious portrayal of a transsexual in a relatively serious role. Such curiosity is understandable.

Then my correspondence began to raise questions about "Garp" and some

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of my most trusted critics, such as my highly literate friend Wendy in Knoxville, began to feed me printed reviews of John Lithgow's portrayal of the transsexual "Roberta" in "Garp." John Lithgow, I noted, was getting good reviews for his sensitive portrayal of a transsexual in a movie. The reviewers, I also noted, were not transsexual and I rather doubted that the actor, John Lithgow, was either, so I remained skeptical.

Finally, some of my un-kinkiest friends, staff members of a regional travel magazine, offered to take me to the movie (and pay my way!) just to get my "Garp" conflict resolved.

So I went and saw John Lithgow--all 6'6" of him--play the role of "Roberta," an ex-pro football player turned woman.

I'm glad I did. I learned a lot.

In the portrayal of "Roberta," the audience is confronted with the unexpected, unsensual, unglamorous transsexual being who she is with a poise, self-assurance, and grace that transforms one awkward encounter after another into relationships of friendship and respect. Garp himself reacts viscerally--normally, if you see it from our point of view--to his first encounter with Roberta, calling her a "dyke." On this encounter, Garp expresses all of the shock and disgust we all too often feel on meeting someone who is really totally different. Before the film ends, Roberta and Garp are close friends, jogging together, solving each other's problems, and playing with Garp's children.

There is art and subtlety in the role as it is written for the movie; and there is artistry and subtlety in the way the role is acted by John Lithgow. Although transsexualism is never really discussed, the audience learns soon after meeting Roberta that she is transsexual; that she is what she is because it is something she had to do in order to grow creatively as she knew herself to be--and this in spite of her athletic physique. The role projects a transsexual of maturity, without illusions, making the most

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of who and what she is, and even enjoying her success.

There are lines that suggested to me that the screenwriter--maybe Irving himself--was aware of some of the more subtle aspects of the transsexual experience. Roberta is not without a normal desire for romance. She just accepts the fact that a truly intimate relationship for a transsexual is, contrary to what fantasy magazines would have you believe, a most difficult achievement. At one point, Garp asks Roberta how things are going with a man she has been seeing in New York City. "It's over," Roberta reports with a shrug, "he says I make him feel sexually ambiguous." There were chuckles in the theatre on this one, but I think I was the only one in the audience that night who burst out laughing. I too, have heard that line before--too often now to accept it other than stoically-- and to be able to laugh to hear such an "inconsciousness" line rattled from the screen.

Transsexuals grow in all shapes and sizes. What we have in common is that we were born physically male. Transsexuality is a perception of the mind, of the inner self, only rarely of physical appearance. Roberta captures and deals with this most obvious of transsexual problems. Extremely tall and broad shouldered, Roberta projects femininity but does not look feminine. At first, she looks like what she is--an ex-football player with breasts, longish hair, no make-up, and the semblance of drag. But unless you remain impervious to the artistry of the actor and his delivery of the lines, you find yourself beginning to perceive Roberta as a feminine intellectually serious, somewhat homely, but quite natural woman. Roberta becomes the transsexual moving beyond self-consciousness into unconscious role. The less consciously she portrays herself as something other than feminine, the less conscious others become of her gender roots. There is education in this portrayal, not just for the general audience, but for other transsexuals. The trick in transition is to move beyond being self-conscious of who you are and what you project, to just being yourself and letting your self be.

Finally, in the role of Roberta are the strains of character-role which I immediately recognized as being controversial within the gender dysphoric paraculture, admits who she was and what football team she played for. More than once in the movie, her athletic prowess is displayed, both in protecting Garp and his mother, and in playing football with Garp's children.

In "Garp," I was relieved to see Roberta still not only able but obviously enjoying her ability to flip the pigskin with skill and precision. My closest friends have frequently teased me about my continuing prowess at basketball, shell diving, and white water canoeing, none of which they consider to be the least bit feminine. Having watched Roberta throw a few long passes to Garp, I can now explain that I have merely transsexualized the athletic skills I most enjoy without changing my form. Society has over-genderized a lot of traits anyway, athletic and otherwise.

But the most personal aspect of my encounter with the portrayal of Roberta was that I realized why my friends wanted me to see this flick in the first place. I do not think they were merely curious about one transsexual's reaction to the portrayal of another. As I watched how other characters in the movie related or learned to relate to Roberta, I began to understand how many of my closest friends have learned to perceive me--and even at my most outrageous moments--and have continued to love me as a friend.

Sex and gender are the base of romance, intimacy, illusion, and fantasy. These things are the spice of life, the things that give zest to the adventure of being what we choose to be, of swinging the way we choose to swing. Friendships are important also; they give us shelter when the fantasies and illusions fall apart. Friendship transcends gender in many ways. Roberta says much about being yourself, about being human, while at the same time being different. The role as projected in "Garp," says many positive things about transsexuals to a general audience but it also has much to say to other transsexuals.

All of which brings me back to my curiosity as to who's intimate know-

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ledge of transsexuality gave Roberta's role its power. I was willing to offer credit to John Lithgow until I read his own notes on how he approached the role, published in the Sept. issue of "Mademoiselle" magazine. Lithgow says he prepared for the role by sitting around in his pads and make-up, enduring the teasing from the crew, thinking about what it would be like to be a woman. These were not the thoughts that produced the character we see on the screen. Lithgow would have better spent his time thinking about what it was like to be a transsexual (!) for that is the role he projected so well. Since he inadvertantly admits that the role was not the result of his thinking, but someone else in the "Garp" production crew. It is this p'rson that deserves the credit; someone with an obviously intimate knowledge of what it is like to grow up dender dysphoric. If Lithgow wins an award for this role, I hope he gives some credit to the closet that obviously gave his abilities their shape, and lines.

So let's end this unusual ramble around my navel with a question. With the exception of 'Garp' and 'The Rose', my question is this, "Why doesn't Hollywood use the real thing in their movies? Me, for instance. My legs would definately have projected better than Lithgow's and I can also throw a football! I could also use the bucks that come with playing even a bit part in a bad movie. It would also have been a legitimate way to buy my critical silence. I am sure that many of my TS sisters who live and work in L.A. and endlessly pursue a career on the screen, would have liked to have had a chance at the part--and would have done it well too.

New York City has a transsexual population in excess of 5,000. Yet with such a mixed pool of talent at their doorsteps, New York editors consistantly hire non-transsexuals to write about transsexuals. Although Sandy Mesics, editor of the FI News and an authority on gender dysphoria, consistantly produces more entertainingly literate copy than any of the non-transsexual free-lancers hired to write about her own people in her own town.

Although Hollywood is cashing in on the opening closet, and projecting drag for all it is worth, the real thing is not being hired to play the real thing. The implication is that the decision makers hold a more firmly fixed false stereo-type of the transsexual as the illiterate and untalented faggot queen than even the audiences they are trying to sell. Too often, what the movie moguls believe is what they project. Like the blacks in the sixties and women in the seventies, gender dysphoric people have become chic subjects for feature articles and films. But no one seems eager to give many of us the opportunity to participate economically in the boom by letting us write about or play ourselves.

So it goes.

I often wonder if Lithgow or Hoffman or Preston, without a production company or supporting cast, could put on a skirt, register at the Waldorf, or meet a friend at the Doral for drinks without attracting attention. Tiresius can and has. And so have many of her friends. The transsexual in transition lives constantly on a vunerable stage. Hollywood should be thinking that when searching for characters play our parts...

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GENES
by Steve Townsend

A woman or a man? We're not always sure which;
It it Sandy or Brandy, perhaps Billy or Mitch?
Can we decide when we look at hands, feet or hair,
Or whether one used Brylcream or Nair?

Perhaps we should look for clues secondary
Since it's uncertain if it's Jenny or Larry
These characteristics are best seen in the light.
But what if we look at "yon" hermaphrodite?

The mores and cases that once prevailed
Seem bolstered by brown wrappers often mailed;
Yet we must wonder who is which
Is she Brandy or is he Mitch?

These roles we have and lose so often
The question echoes, What will happen?
When confusion reigns with no decision;
And to who will fight and with what munition?

But for some there is a measure of peace
When granted a self with a long-term lease
You see I have no question, Which?
Since I know quite clearly I'm both Brandy and Mitch!

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Among their peers

TVs are

Mentally regarded

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SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT PROCESS:
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DANGERS,
AND SOLUTIONS
by Rachel Tortolini

In a recent column, I made an allusion to the general social and political dangers we all face(d) in the reassignment process. With the exception of persons well-endowed, most who embark on this odyssey are at peril of sliding into what has been colorfully called the "sociological sewer" due to lack of a social safety net. Faced with ostracism from one's family and loss of career, the novice takes the irrevocable steps leading away from comfort and succor (help) towards a new life of unknown potential for wealth or woe. The coping skills necessary to bring about personal adjustment to an entirely new gender role are beyond the ken of most persons -- except the gender-dysphoric. Yet even with our innate ability and motivation towards the "correct" gender, the job is tough and many of us undergo a purification by fire in order to live at least in peace.

There is foremost a danger on this path to fall into despair -- despair of social isolation, despair of never reaching the goal, despair of existential commitment. For many, our path has no heart and those of us who travel it are very, very lonely. But this is not a unique situation; others have experienced this moment of truth and described it allegorically in various ways as the retreat into the desert, the dark night of the soul, etc. There are also many valid suggestions for healing available to us. Some come from a transcendental analysis and offer the Bible as the cure for our pain. Others take a different tack and permit a solution to emerge from the immanent fullness of our experience. Let's discuss what practical things might be done about the transsexual's

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crisis of consciousness from the point of view of immanence.

My experience in support groups has made me aware that there is an abhorrence on the part of transsexuals to touch another human being. Ask yourself honestly when was the last time you hugged anybody? I would like to know just how widespread this fear is; I suspect that it is fairly common. Perhaps there is an understandable preoccupation with self behind the fear -- we grew up with a monkey on our backs and the older we get, the heavier it becomes until we can't care about anything else except THE PROBLEM. There are also feeling towards oneself as victim and others as persecutors that make up the negative currency of our lack of self-esteem. This disrespect of self is reflected in the lack of respect that transsexuals hold for other transsexuals. I recall a poem that portrayed the souls of hell encased in solid ice, yet strangely free to move, each one curled up in a writhing ball and unable to give each other a comforting hand. The poet Dante in the poem tries to touch them but each refuses his succor and, consequently, Dante realizes that these souls are willingly damned. They are not unable to give each other comfort but freely choose to suffer torment in order that they may be supremely self-absorbed. Avoidance of relationship is torment and social involvement such as a comforting touch is the way out. We are not the narcissists of the Inferno; yet, there is an inordinate lack of selflessness behind our preponderant gravity.

Freud wrote that to love and to work constituted the sufficient conditions for mental health. No one can deny the need for work and social involvement in their lives. These are also important factors which the surgical team regards as indicators of success in your reassignment. It is true that the prospects now are not good for finding employment with the recession and anti-transsexual laws operative. But while you are looking or even if you have a job, consider volunteering. There are factors which make it very appealing. It may not give you love but it gives you social involvement and work which together are better than medication to combat the re-assignment blues. There is an old proverb that says as one gives so shall one be given. I have little doubt that as one puts out a little effort to help another, one gets back more in return -- including love. Volunteerism is far superior to consumerism.

Not such a good idea, you say? What resistances might hold you back? We return to self-esteem. The transsexual during maturation has been silently colonized by society's prejudices that he/she is a "pervert" or worse. These destructive messages were channeled by early attachments to parents who unwittingly served as conduits for ignorance regarding our condition. Psychology suggests we must work through these early attachments in order to develop a positive self-regard. Taking complete responsibility for your life as it is now is the crucial step. By confronting our denial of responsibility towards life, feelings of grief and rage are mobilized and other emotions become more labile. More importantly, with awareness comes consciousness of the fact that we are all in the same precarious position of terror and just as needy for each other's love. When the transsexual, in particular, sees that his/her needs are precisely the needs of other transsexuals, then the realization draws that by helping those others that, one serves one's own interests as well. The realization occurs that the "personal is political." With many of us having this breakthrough, there arises self-consciousness of transsexuals as a social class and it becomes practically possible for transsexuals to act concertedly for their combined welfare. Until this comes to pass, our lot as persons suffering from a mysterous genetic illness will continue to be solitary, mean, nasty, brutish and short.

Having begun work on one's resistances, certain practical questions come to mind: What types of volunteer work are there? Start right at home; Transsexuals need representation -- we sorely need corrective laws that give us a social-safety net and keep us away from the sociological sewer.

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For example, Senate Bill 814 of the California Legislature recently went down to defeat by a vote of 20 to 5 -- it would have prohibited employment discrimination against transsexuals. One of the five who voted for the measure was Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco. He said with regard to this defeat, "It is shocking for a state such as California, which prides itself on being progressive, to condone any form of discrimination." Yet, we are in the midst of a conservative back-lash that is eroding the civil rights legislation gained over the past twenty years.

Not knowing how to lobby, I asked my local NOW chapter and these are the steps they use: 1.) Identify and locate your state representatives, 2.) Know their past political reputations, 3.) Know the kind of district you come from and your network (i.e., the special interest class you are lobbying for), 4.) Look for current bills under consideration in the State Record that help transsexuals, 5.) Note any previous legislation on the issues, 6.) Make an appointment to meet with your representatives in their offices, 7.) Try to make contact with them on neutral ground in order to relax them (this means conservative dress and small talk), 8.) Have your facts ready on index cards, explain who your constitutency is and appeal to the legislator's self-interests, 9.) Use "We" instead of "I", 10.) Thank the legislator for past support -- be specific, 11.) Build up pressure gradually through further meetings and telephone calls. Remember: the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Volunteer work may be used as a means to paid employment. Employers are grateful to have unpaid labor; you can keep your skills in practice and donating your time -- especially to worthy causes -- gives you a positive image in the community. (Goodness knows, transsexuals need to be known as worthwhile members of the community if simply as a defense.) If you can arrange such a deal with a company, you will be ahead of the applicants on the street by simply being in the door. You also demonstrate to your boss your sincerity about working there and have the company's interests or the profession at heart. Lastly, you gain allies and plug into the grapevine; these will signal an upcoming paid position. For example, hospital work is particularly amenable to this approach. By taking a few simple courses at the local junior college, you may become an emergency medical technician or nurse's aide; these require volunteer clinical time for state licensing which you may parlay into a paying position. Other interesting volunteer jobs in the health field invove mental-health counseling: frequently by taking a brief training course you can become a crisis-line or peer-counselor. Such are less likely to lead to money due to state-licensing restriction, but they would allow you to help other people like yourself and that's a good feeling.

With Reagan and the New Right, we have enough to do without more danger to worry about. Yet, you will not have the operation if the nukes are set loose. In a sense, we on this planet are like passengers of the Titanic who spent their time rearranging the furniture while the captain sailed the ship to doom. Think about the ultimate question of nuclear war. How denial of our personal and planetary death may be contributing to our psychic numbing, and consider volunteering your time to end the arms race -- tell the captain to turn the ship around!

In sum, the reassignment process has many dangers; some of these are despair, psychic numbing, and loss of social support. One way out of such problems is the social involvement of volunteerism. As you donate your time you engage in work and get the favor of other people in return. The warm-fuzzy strokes you receive from freely giving the gift of yourself is the best therapy for the ole' sex-change blues -- so next time, consider volunteering!

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ARE THERE REALLY FEMALE-TO-MALE TRANSVESTITES?? WHY?

by Lou (a F-M)

I've heard that question often. In fact, professionals in the field of gender dysphoria (I prefer euphoria) argue that female-to-male transvestites don't exist! Their argument is that since "women have such a wide range of fashions available to them, they have no need to 'resort' to actual transvestism in order to satisfy their needs'. Somehow that logic just doesn't cut the mustard with me.

Transvestism, I feel, is not a way of dealing with fashion. And I cannot accept the argument of some male-to-females who insist they crossdress for "comfort". Women's clothing is the extreme of discomfort. And female-to-male transvestites are not looking for comfort in men's clothes. Sure, we can wear man styled pansuits, cut our hair in a short style, and wear argyle socks with our flats. But, is that really what transvestism is all about?

Why do people, in general, crossdress? I have to take issue with anyone who minimizes the sexual and fetishistic qualities of transvestism. Until relatively recently and it is still true in many circles) it is not socially acceptable for a woman to admit any of her secret sexual desires. Women could not admit they wanted sex, enjoyed sex or that they masturbated. While it was naughty for boys to masturbate, girls simply never did such things! Our society is presently struggling to accept the fact that women do desire sex and find it as pleasurable as do men and society is not ready to hear there are women who are sexually stimulated by wearing men's jockey shorts! Male-to-female transvestites aren't even ready to accept that one! But, it's true. Maybe it's too hard for men to accept the fact that the male body and its trappings are sexy! Yes, downright sexy!! That solid, flat chest! Those starched white shirts! Those wing-tip shoes! Yes, damned sexy!

Another reason people crossdress is to take part in the social role reserved for and enjoyed by the opposite sex. "Experts" in gender dysphoria (I prefer euphoria) say MTF transvestites often dress to allow themselves to be pretty, vain, giggley, passive, nurturing, etc. while the FTM dresses to share in men's roles, i.e., to be strong, business-like, aggressive, protective, dominant, manly. While women's liberation has made many gains toward acceptance of "manly" women, being a butch woman feels a lot different than being a butch man.

How can you recognize a female-to-male transvestite? The occasional fetishistic transvestite, indistinguishable from anyone else, does her "thing" totally in private. But, many are coming out of the closet, quite literally. Just as MTF transvestism goes beyond wearing a frilly shirt FTM transvestism goes beyond wearing a

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woman's man-styled pantsuit. There is no way you can be sure that a woman with short hair, wearing pants and a shirt, is a transvestite, any more than you can be sure a man with long fingernails is a transvestite. They're both sayhing something about themselves thoughj, through their deviation from the norm. But, the MTF transvestite goes from long fingernails to blousy shirts to skirts and nylons; the FTM transvestite goes from long fshort hair to blue jeans to men's dress slacks and ties. It's that total dressing and passing that distinguishes the "out of closet" transvestite from others deviating from Society's fashion dictates.

The FTM transvestite hoping to pass in public goes through great pains to dress as a man. We must learn to walk without moving our hips; bind our breasts so they don't show or move (just by that, you can hardly say we're dressing for comfort!); we must avoid all relaxed feminine mannerisms and we must lower our voice tone. All of this takes a lot of work--in some cases I'd venture to say it takes more work for a woman to pass as a man than vice versa. The MTF has the benefit of cosmetics to change and disguise his face. The FTM must avoid makeup all together and go out into the cold, cruel world cold turkey, her face plain as day. While the MTF can pluck his eyebrows, we must make ours thicker and bushier, without using makeup. (A mascara clump in a man's eyebrow is definietly a telltale sign of something.) Last, but surely not least, is the never ending challenge of our lack of sideburns and a beard shadow. Many of us have yet to find solutions to these challenges.

Yes, women are sexual beings and are capable of sexual stimulation through the wearing of men's clothes. We have just been too guilt-ridden to talk about it with anyone else. Fortunately, as our society recognizes women's sexual validity female-to-males are becoming more comfortable in acknowledging their feelings and desires.

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THE 'ORIGINS' AND 'CURES' FOR TRANSGENDER BEHAVIOR

by

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Just about every transgendered person I have ever talked to or heard about had at some time or other been very concerned about how s/he 'got that way'. For some it is an obsession -- to find out at all cost -- why they feel the way they do. Others have an equally strong drive to 'cure' their behavior and stop the feelings of wanting, sometimes, to be the 'other' sex. The reasons for these driven searches are manyfold. In some cases it is to 'please' a partner who is unable to deal with a behavior that seems so at odds with what society considers 'normal'. Others find the dichotomy between their physical being and their mental/emotional state is so painful that relief, in any form seems better than existing in some never-never world. Most transgender situations where there is pain seem to be ones in which the person has not been able to resolve the 'split' in their existence.

Almost any book one chooses to read on the subject offers some explanation on the origin of transgender feelings. One theory says that prenatal hormonal effects sensitize the individual so that a later environmental situation will trigger the latent transgender feelings. Another theory says that early environmental and/or social situations 'force' the individual into the behavior. There is no evidence that any of these theories explain **ALL** the various types of transgender behavior that have been observed. It is not even clear whether transvestism and transsexualism are different aspects of thesame phenomenon or completely different phenomena. A new book, Sex and the Brain by Durden-Smith and Desimone does not deal

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directly with transgender behaviors, but the authors do offer some interesting speculation on human sexuality. The main theme of the book is that male and female brains are structurally and functionally different. These differences seem broader and more deeply ingrained in humans than had been suspected. It is hypothesized that these dissimilarities were, and still are, necessary for the two different reproductive functions that males and females perform. If evolution and research are any indicators, these disparate functions have been enhanced as humans evolved to their present state of development. It can be shown (in lower mammals) that these different brain structures can be achieved by altering hormone levels in critical periods during gestation. As a result, genetic males can be given varying degrees of female brain structure and genetic females can be given varying degrees of male brain structure. Either will then function in a manner more like the other sex.

From these research results one could draw the conclusion that transgender feelings are a result of prenatal alteration of an individual's brain toward the other sex's structure even though the obvious biological charcteristics of the individual do not appear to be different from a people who do not have transgender feelings rather than an environmental/social one.

Suppose all of the foregoing assumptions/theories are correct? -- SO WHAT? How does that help the adult (or even teenage) transgendered person? It is far too late to change (physically) the brain structures that 'cause' the 'problem', even if we had the slightest idea of how to go about it. The real problem, as I see it, is our society's unwillingness to accept forms of behavior that fall outside of the stereotypical 'normal' male and female models. Not all societies on this earth are so rigid -- but again, that doesn't help the person with transgender feelings. To change our society requires broad and in-depth general education on human sexuality that begins with our children and teaches more than reproductive facts. Until this happens, the transgendered person will still be ostracized and misunderstood. They will perceive themselves as misfits and heap upon themselves much guilt and rejection. Is there any realistic solution given the above situations? Yes! Most of what has to be done has to be done by the transgendered person with help from others in the transgender community. First, such a person has to stop looking for a scapegoat -- whether that scapegoat is a biological structure or a societal structure. If her/his biology really causes the 'problem', short of reassignment surgery, there is not much that can be done. If society is the issue, then choices are few and most will opt to stay in the society they know, even if it rejects them. As a result, one has to 'pick themselves up by their bootstraps' and see themselves as worthy, responsible and lovable human beings. This can not be accomplished alone and that is where the community comes in. Through organizations such as Tiffany Club and concerned professionals, the person who is struggling with transgender feelings can begin to put aside the guilt and fear, then go on to find the unique solution for their own life that provides them relief from the pain while not hurting those around them.

The above sounds simplistic -- but it isn't. Coming to terms with yourself and seeing yourself as a person of worth is probably the most difficult 'birth' that any human being ever makes. In the end, it is the cure that is truly possible, for the only person we can really change is ourself.

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ABOUT SIZES (for big TVs)
by Holly Cross

Before you buy anything, know thyself.

Get a tape measure, write down the numbers. Write down the sleeve length (as in a men's shirt), chest, waist, hips, skirt length (from slightly above navel [where a woman's waist would be] to top of calf), pants length (outseam on men's pants plus maybe an inch), glove size, etc.

Get a Sears, J.C. Penny, or Lane Bryant catalog. Each of these catalogs has a size versus inches conversion chart.

(**Note: The sizes in the catalogs and the sizes in the stores are usually different. In general, the Sears & Penny's stuff is not cut as generously as Lane Bryant. Also, when shopping for "her" in a store, be sure to take along a pocket tape measure. Some stuff seems to be cut for Koreans.)

If you are slim and under 5'7", you will do OK in the stores, as you fit "misses" sizes. (Most of us aren't.)

If you are heavy, you will need "plus" or "womens" sizes. (Most of us are.)

If you are over 5'10", or if your sleeve length is over 33", you will need "tall" sizes.

"Tall" sizes are scarce in stores. Besides the mail order catalogs, youcan find them in "tall girl" shops, catalog surplus stores, and resale (consignment) shops. Look in the yellow pages.

"Half" sizes mean short at Sears (under 5'4") but may not mean short at Lane Bryant's stores. Half size dresses or coats are liable to leave your big hands hanging out there where they are most obvious.

Lane Bryant women's sizes work up to 5'10", and they may have enough cloth to let down a bit. Most cheap dresses or coats have NO way to lengthen them.

Some men need a waist cinch or hip pads to get the figure from masculine to feminine. All men need a bra and falsies. Average women fit "misses" size and take a "B" cup bra. So should you. Just because you like well-endowed females doesn't mean that you will look believable that way.

Bras and all-in-one briefers come in chest size. With pads, you bust size will be 2 to 3 inches more than the bra size. Blouses and sweaters and some jackets come in bust size. Slips or camisoles come in bra size (or slightly larger, if you are fat in the middle).

For the TV, buy a blouse a size larger, to get room for the larger shoulders, and perhaps a little more sleeve length and wrist size. (In my experience the neck has always been large enough, and mine is 17 1/2".)

If you wear a bra and girdle, the girdle comes in a waist size - meaning the size its waist is, unstretched.

Personally, I'm fat - men's waist 40 - 42". An elastic waist cinch size 32 gives me a 37" woman's waist (just below the rib cage). A pantie girdle or regular girdle size 34 or 36 gives me the same measurement.

When purchasing trousers, remember that a woman's waist is just below the rib cage, an inch or two higher than a man's waist. When comparing women's trousers to men's, the INseam will perhaps be the same, but the OUTseam may be an inch or two longer. Also, even if women's pants or jeans zip in front and fasten to the right, the zipper will be an inch or so shorter than that in men's pants.

Skirts are noncritical. If you use your tape measure, the waist of a skirt (or slacks for that matter) will measure a few inches shorter than its actual size. For instance, a skirt with a 36 waist size will measure 33 or 34 (that 16 or 17 inches on your tape measure) unstretched. It should stretch enough to clear your hips so you can get them on. What is more critical is whether or not the skirt is long enough (from your new waist to your calf).

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(You must take your tape measure along, especially in consignment shops. You will find that large ladies usually take the size markings out. So when prospecting at Goodwill -- let me show you my long velvet skirt that cost four dollard -- take your tape measure.)

Roughly speaking, a men's S = a women's M. A men's M = a women's L. A men's L = a women's XL, and a men's XL = a women's XXL. (Women's M can range from 10 to 16, L can range from 12 to 20, and XL and XXL from 18 to huge.) Sizes change from store to store, and even in the store itself. Besides size variations, sizes mean different things. For instance, regular sizes measure under the arms, for fat ladies its bust, for tall people its length, for short people its waist, etc.

And that, dear reader, is why magazines don't print a "size conversion chart" -- there ain't no such animal.

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ON TRANSSEXUALISM
by Rupert Raj, B.A. (Executive Director MMRF, Editor Metamorphosis Newsletter)

Today, I am a changed man. Actually, I mean that quite literally because, twelve years ago, I was a woman. That's right, a woman who underwent a "sex reassignment" operation to become a man. For, my esteemed colleagues, I am a transsexual.

A transsexual is a person who has the "gender identity" of the opposite sex. That is, a woman who believes "he" is a man "trapped" within a female body, or, a man who is convinced "she" is a woman "imprisoned" within a male body. In my own case, ever since I can remember, say from about five years of age, I always felt, intuitively and persistently, that I was more masculine than feminine -- in my feelings, my thoughts and my actions. Moreover, I was convinced that Nature had played some terribly cruel joke on me, and that I really whould have been born a boy.

Now, transsexualism, as a matter of fact, has virtually little or nothing to do with sex, but, it has everything to do with gender identity, that is, one's sense of being a boy or a man, one's sense of being a girl or a woman. Furthermore, it is only withing the past twenty years or so, that transsexualism is now becoming recognized as a bona fide medical condition called "gender dysphoria syndrome". Unfortunately however, to this day, no two sex researchers have yet been able to agree upon a common cause.

One of the most important things I would like you to remember about this extremely complex phenomenon, this highly controversial condition, is that transsexualism is qualitatively distinct from both homosexuality and transvestism, for these two types of behaviour are principally concerned with sex: in particular, with sex-partner preference, and, with sexual expression, respectively; wheras, transsexualism essentially deals with gender.

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Now, you are probably wondering, "Exactly what kind of people are transsexual?" And rightly so. Well, I can tell you one thing. They are an extremely diverse lot. For example, transsexuals may be: young or old, male or female, black or white, (red, yellow or brown), Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist or atheist, brilliant or ignorant, rich or poor, ugly or beautiful, successful or failures, and, passble or "readable" (in their new gender roles)--in short, there are as many different kinds of transsexuals as there are transsexual individuals.

So, you are probably asking yourselves, "What has all this got to do with me?" Well, I will tell you -- three things: awareness, understanding, and respect. Please be aware that transsexuals are not homosexual, transvestite, or sexually perverse. Please understand that transsexual people are tragic victims of a medical mystery, and therefore, their decision to "change their sex" is not solely based upon free choice, but rather, is dictated by the peculiar nature of their medical condition. And finally, please bear in mind that transsexuals are unique individuals who deserve at least the same measure of minimal respect that is due any other human being.

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PLACES TO GO AND NOT TO GO WHEN DRESSED:

Now that you are out in public, where can you go and what can you do?

Much depends, of course, on what time of day it is. Safe places to go dressed in the afternoon might not be so safe at night; and vice-versa. Assuming that you, like most TVs who go out in public, live near or in a city of some size, the city probably has various attractions which women by themselves can partake of without being considered fair game for passes or rape or arrest as a prostitute. If you are going out in the afternoon, a good excuse is a pleasant, slow-paced shopping trip. Even if you don't feel quite ready to go into stores and try on dresses, you can at least window-shop or buy things in stores which don't require trying on. As you gain more courage and confidence, you can even patronize shoe stores where the salesmen are so harried that they will be glad to have a nice cooperative TV for a customer. Afternoons are also very good for movie or theater or opera matinees, trips to museums or libraries or lunceons in a tearoom-type establishment which cater to ladies. If these establishments also have liquor, its okay for you to order something a lady might order. Don't ask for a bullshot, or a boilermaker; a martini is just fine. However, any ordinary bar, saloon, or even a cocktail lounge is very dangerous territory for unescorted women in general & TVs in particular.

In spite of womens liberation, unescorted ladies of respectable mien don't go into bars, and neither should you. Bars, saloons, & cocktail lounges pose a special threat to the TV out dressed in public, because they are also tenanted with amorous drunks who will paw you at the drop of an eyelid, vice squad men out to entrap prostitutes, & sharp-eyed con-men who may try to hustle you out of your brassier!

When you go out evenings, this danger is especially severe. Confine your evenings activities to attending movies, TV parties, having a good meal in a good restaurant, or what-have-you. But stay out of bars and stay off the streets as much as possible, for even well-lit thoroughfares are getting dangerous for unwary TVs, some of whom have been raped - victims with no recourse to protection from the law. When traveling out in public at night, it's best to have an escort - a fellow TV not in feminine clothes is a good bet, for he is sensitive to your problems. You can take him out on alternate nights-out, if you can arrange it.

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TIFFANY CLUB WIVES GROUP HOSTS 'COUPLES ONLY' GET-TOGETHER

by Stephanie Chandler

"The Tiffany Club Wives Group cordially invites you and yours to a couples only get-together on Friday evening, April 6, 1984".....

The above invitation was sent to twenty seven local couples. To my suprise and delight, seven couples came to the get-together, armed with fattening foods, nervous greetings, and an intense desire for information. For those who attended the evening was one of the most rewarding evenings at Tiffany ever held.

First though, some history. The wives group was co-chaired by Jo's wife Carol, and my wife, Bobbie. They noticed at club socials and in conversation with members that a single note kept coming up: "My wife, my wife, my wife!" There were obviously difficulties between spouses when it came to talking about cross-dressing. The wife wouldn't or couldn't talk about it, and the member couldn't find a way to bring conversation about.

The Wives Group was a small, on-call committee of three who made themselves unselfishly available to help in any way possible those couples with problems relative to cross-dressing. However, the structure of their committee had one inherent problem: The couples with the most serious problems would be the last couple to seek out the Wives Group. A different approach than 'being on call' was needed. Perhaps a couple would attend a group gathering where there was no obligation to speak out, no commitment to become involved, and where, if necessary, they could leave the conversation without any bad feelings. That way a couple could attend together, and the wife or girlfriend knew that other women with similar problems would be there as well. She also knew she was not committed to anything, not even to staying. Thus, the Wives Group arranged for a casual 'couples-only' evening at the Club.

What happened on that night? Simply this: Seven couples with questions, curiosities, nervousness, apprehension, embarassment, reservation, confusion, even fear, came to the door. No one really knew what to expect, or what was expected of them. Five couples were married, and two were dating. Their ages ranged from late twenties to early sixties. One couple were newly-weds, and another were retired and enjoying the good life. One woman just acknowledged to herself that this problem wasn't going to go away. Another had been at ease with her husband's cross-dressing for forty years. One woman in the course of the evening unloaded twenty-seven years of never having talked to a third party about cross-dressing. Another woman learned something about herself and her interest in her boy-friends's cross-dressing. Another dating couple had had the means to work through his hobby

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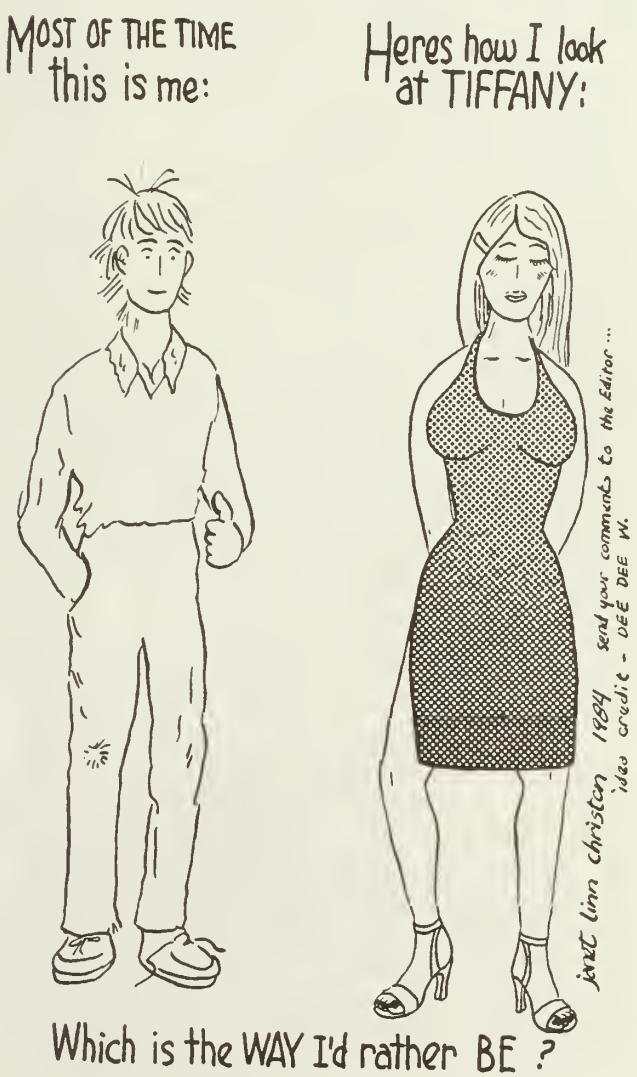

of cross-dressing in an open and caring way and today they are each relatively comfortable with it. The last two couples were the co-hosts themselves, and of course they were not without recurring minor problems as well.

I opened the evening's conversation with, "I dress because I like it." There was a slight lull (what seemed like hours), then three women smiled, two became quizzical, one woman began speaking out, and one appeared very, very ill! Then someone asked th BIG questions, the ones every cross-dresser hears sooner or later; "why do you do it/how do you catch it/how do you get rid of it?" Everyone had their own answers to "why" - the difficulty was in the speaker saying it, and the listener hearing it. Ove one hour was devoted to these questions. Everyone talked about them and related their feelings and opinions. Some of the answers were simple; 1.) I tried it once and I liked it, 2.) it feels good, 3.) it's my escape, and 4.) I went for the gusto - I misunderstood gusto. Some of the answers were not so simple, 5.) I'm schezophrenic, 6.) you don't, 7.) all of the above.

Within the BIG questions came uncountable smaller questions, such as, "Why do crossdressers adopt feminine names?" "Why do crossdressers spend so much time with their hair, make-up, and clothes when" (and I quote) "I trashed that junk in the seventh grade?" There were enough small questions to fuel and entire evening's conversation, when someone asked BIG questions number two: "When will my husband become homosexual/want the operation?" The other BIG questions were just for information. These questions dealt with fear, and individual fears began to be expressed. After that, the evening's conversation really became lively.

In the course of the evening, couples found the thing that was missing at home - COMMUNICATION! In fact the evening was so exciting, and so rewarding that no one even thought of the refreshments until 10 P.M. Then came BIG question number three: "When can we do this again?" We set a date, then went back to our conversations until well past midnight.

For me personally the evening was one of the most rewarding I have ever experienced. I want to give my personal thanks to everyone for such a sharing evening, and particularly to my own wife, who after twenty plus years of marriage, still continues to pleasantly surprise me.

- Stephanie Chandler

(**Note: The next meeting of the Wives Group has been scheduled for 7:30 P.M., Friday, June 8th, to be held at the Tiffany Club. [You do not have to be a married couple to attend.] If you have any questions concerning the Wives Group, or the up-coming meeting, contact: Bobbie C., c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 617-358-5575)

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CARTOON IDEAS AND ARTWORK WANTED:

Preferably the cartoons are drawn from your own experiences. The intention is to give us a chance to chuckle at ourselves. Please, no sexually oriented cartoons or artwork.

Send to: Liz Warburton, c/o TV-TS Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

FICTION & NON-FICTION WANTED:

We are looking for good short stories that are tasteful, non-sexual, and well written.

We are also looking for well written editorials, poetry, personal profiles, personal experiences, how-to articles, and general information articles.

We are also looking for news items, entertaining short subjects, etc.

Send to: Delores Carter, c/o TV-TS Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

ATTN: TRANSSEXUALS, AND PERSONS INTRESTED IN TRANSSEXUALISM:

Due to our growing Transsexual program, we are now compiling a separate mailing list of those persons who would like to be kept informed of upcoming programs and notices.

If you are interested in being kept informed, contact: Charlene Wanda M., c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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TAPESTRY:

Past issues available

Issue 41	$10.00
Issue 40	$10.00
Issue 39	$ 8.00
Issues 38 to 34	$5.00
Issue 33	$3.00

INTRODUCING A NEW GROUP IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Gigi Grant of Atlanta advises she is starting a group (The Elite TV Co.). Anyone interested in contacting her may do so by writing Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362

GGA ANNOUNCES A NEW CHAPTER IN IOWA

Continuing to grow, we are proud to announce the opening of a new Chapter in Iowa under the auspices of Connie. Individuals interested in meeting others in the area need only contact: Boxholder, P.O. Box 1025, Bettendorf, IA 52722 for specific information concerning the meetings and happenings of this, our newest chapter.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE TO SPONSOR AN ALL-DAY SYMPOSIUM--WORKSHOP

Symposium-workshop to be offered at the national joint meeting of AASECT/QUAD-S in June.

The Outreach Institute has been invited to present an all day program on the subject of Gender Issues for the 1980's at the National Joint Convention of Sex Educators, Counselors & Therapists (AASECT) and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (Quad-S). The Convention is to be held in Boston from June 6-10, 1984 at the Park Plaza Hotel.

Part One of the program will be a symposium that focusses on Specific Aspects of Gender Issues. Topics to be included are Gender roles, a historic perspective; Use of the DSM III classification of cross gender behaviors; Motivations for crossgender behaviors; The crossdresser with a stated heterosexual preference; Transsexuality & the gender dysphoric; Androgyny and alternative gender role preference. There will be a mini-presentation of each topic followed by a panel discussion of each topic in relation to gender behaviors for the '80's.

Part Two of the program will be a workshop that will actively explore various dimensions of Crossgender Behaviors. Here we intend to concentrate on individual concepts of both conventional and non-conventional gender roles; Coping strategies for helping professionals who counsel clients with gender problems, both adolescent and adult; Social development and cueing theory and its relation to comfortable crossgender life patterns; Presentation, to classes in human sexuality, of crossgender behavior topics; and Crossgender behaviors and personal growth. There will also be selected role plays of situations involving gender issues.

The entire program is scheduled for Friday, June 8th, and in the evening we have planned a social program at a Crossdresser Social Contact Club in the Greater Boston area.

It is a singular honor, for the Outreach Institute, to organize and develop this program for helping professionals from all over the United States, Canada and Europe.

Those who plan on attending the National Meeting and want to be invbolved with this program are cordially invited to register for it in advance. A note sent to the Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215, indicating your interest in the program, is all that is requested.

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INTRODUCING G.I.C.

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO AN OASIS IN THE WEST

by M. Russell

Five years ago a group of crossdressers began to meet on a monthly basis, in Denver. The purpose of the meeting was to share their experiences, openly and honestly, and through this process they could unburden the guilt, fear and other problems that are associated with crossdressing and gender conflict. Ove the next few years this group continued to meet and an increasing number of crossdressers from the greater Denver area came. With such a large number of people coming to these meetings, and the wide variety of concerns and issues discussed, the need for a center became apparent. From this modest beginning, the Gender Identity Center (GIC) of Colorado was created.

Incorporated as a not-for-profit educational organization, GIC serves as a resource for information and education about gender issues, to both helping professionals and the paraculture, throughout Colorado and its surrounding Rockie Mountain States.

In addition to providing meeting space for various paraculture subgroups, GIC has a modest reference library for use by all interested people. The provide qualified speakers to lecture at University classes in the Greater Denver Area, on an invitational basis. They publish a monthly newsletter, with a calendar of events taking place at the Center.

For members of the Center, workshops are offered throughout the year. Topics include: local ordinances about crossdressing in public, hormonal programs for the transsexual, essentials of reassignment surgery prior to the operation, the importance of a knowledgeable helping professional in working through transition, and programs of social interaction and personal growth.

The Director of GIC is Tomye Kelly, M.A. She is a certified therapist and has worked closely with various components of the paraculture for many years. It was she who was instrumental in obtaining the present facility for GIC.

The Gender Identity Center is housed in a two story building in downtown Denver. It has a variety of spaces for seminars, large group workshops, and small one-to-one conversations as well as professional sessions. It is ideal for small group 'rap' sessions and the occasional social gatherings. Groups or individuals who may want to use Center space for a function, are invited to call or write the Center for details.

Who would have thought that from a series of meetings among concerned crossdressers and helping professionals, that the GIC would become, truly, an oasis in the west for those wanting to learn and become more conscious of the issues related to gender identity.

You are encouraged to write us for more information. The address is:

Gender Identity Center of Colorado, 3715 W. 32nd Ave., Denver, CO 80211

The telephone number is (303) 458-5378

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LEE G. BREWSTER

Lee G. Brewster to hostess a complimentary cocktail party for the Tiffany Club's Provincetown tour!

Lee G. Brewster, President of Lee's Mardi Gras Ent., Inc., announced today that she will be playing hostess at a party for the Tiffany Club at the Club's Provincetown Outing from May 30 through June 4th.

"I am doing this because Merissa Sherrill Lynn, director of the Tiffany Club, was the only leader who actively supported my own tour last Columbus Day. I feel that she should be awarded for her interest in providing the transvestite community with social activities, even if such activities may be somewhat competititive. I commend her altruism and only wish that the new leaders of the TV Community would be as altruistic!"

Anyone wishing information about the Party, and Tiffany's Outing should contact Lee by writing to Lee's Mardi Gras Ent., Inc., 565 10th Ave., New

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York, NY 10036

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Announcement concerning Brewster's Columbus Day Weekend:

During the Columbus Day Weekend 1983, Lee Brewster and entourage partied with approximately 65 TVs, their friends and girlfriends. Lee hopes to have an even larger group in 1985. However, Columbus Day 1984 falls on Yom Kippur and since Lee has so many friends of the Jewish Faith she feels that she should not run the tour without them.

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Lee G. Brewster schedules rain date party!

Lee G. Brewster announced today that a rain date party has been scheduled for those unable to attend the March 29th party. "Those holding tickets should exchange them for a specially scheduled party to be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH! This exchange will not be honored at the door."

Lee was amazed at the sizable turnout for the March 29th party! With the blizzard-like conditions, approximately 100 brave, fun-loving souls attended throughout the evening. One person spent most of the day flying all over the northeast, finally landing at La Guardia airport at 10 o'clock. He didn't have time to go to his hotel to "dress", so he asked the cab driver if he could change in the back. The cabbie replied, "You're paying the bill, you can do anything you want to." That was determination!

Additional details concerning the rain date party and Lee's Fall series of parties can be obtained by writing directly to LEE G. BREWSTER at 565 10th Ave., New York, NY 10036 (212) 947-7773

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LONG ISLAND NY PARTIES TO RESUME

Kay and Ursula Kwarta announce the resumption of their monthly dinner parties on Long Island NY.

These parties will be held on the 4th Saturday of each month. The charge is $10, and a reservation is requested. (BYOB) The parties are non-sexual, and participants are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen.

For information contact: Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736

ANNOUNCING!
EXERCISE & SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

To be held at the Tiffany Club
2:00 P.M.
For 6 consecutive Sundays
Beginning May 20, 1984

COST: $30.00 for complete course (proceeds to be donated to the Tiffany Club Building Fund

Instructor: Karen V. (black belt in Uechi-Ryu Karate)

Are you out of shape for this summer's swim attire? Do you get mugged every Sunday evening on the way to the Metro? If the answer is yes to both questions (or even if it's no) you should consider attending the exercise & self defense class being held at the Tiffany Club for six consecutive Sundays beginning May 20, 1984.

Each class will be about 90 minutes long and the cost will be $5.00 per class (or a total of $30.00 for all six). All fees are donated to Tiffany. The class will be conducted by Karen V., a semi-exercise nut and 1st degree black belt in Uechi-Ryu (pronounced way-chee roo) karate. All classes will start at 2:00 P.M. sharp, rain or shine. Wear loose, comfortable clothing.

If you have any questions, contact Merissa or Karen at: P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 (617) 358-5575

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
TIFFANY CLUB TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP

NOTICE:

Due to the inflexible schedules of some speakers (i.e., weekends), regularly scheduled meetings have been

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cancelled. We will try to have more meetings on weeknights with at least a two week advance notice. There is a lot of support available with this flexible scheme. Any comments or ideas which will help make these meetings more educational and effective are gladly welcomed.

NEEDED:
Professionals within the Boston area

We are looking for professional persons who have worked with transsexuals, and would be willing to donate one evening with these individuals. In the past we have had regularly scheduled meetings, but we have changed that to better accommodate guest speakers. Our purpose is to develop an educational program to serve transsexual persons. If you are a professional person, your knowledge and skill would be invaluable.

Our areas of interest include:

(Medical)	(Counseling)
Doctors	Employment
Dermatology	Legal
Endocrenology	Marriage
Plastic Surgery	Psychiatry
"The" Surgery	Psychology
(Professional)	Relious
Deportment	Social Work
Electrolysis	Voice
Fashion	Sexual
Makeup	

WRITE: Coordinator of Transsexual Affairs, c/o Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 (617) 358-5575

GGA INTRODUCES GENDERNET:

GENDERNET

GenderNet - The FIRST and ONLY electronic communications network solely for the TV, TS, Spouse, Provider and Business Support Professional!

GenderNet went "on the air" January 1, 1984 at 6 p.m. (PST) and as of this writing, thirteen days later, 207 calls have been recorded on the network.

Calls have come in from as far away as Massachusetts. Although one individual did signon giving Hawaii as the "called from" location we suspect she was really in the Bay Area.

All you "computer nuts" with a 300 baud modem are more than welcome to call, signon and browse the many sections of the Board to glean as much information from it as you wish. Each call is programmatically limited to 30 minutes to eliminate "time hogs".

We are in the process of preparing a GenderNet Road Map to help you find what you want and get there quickly. (The Road Maps were in the March GGA mailing. If you have one and it is of no value to you, please pass it on to someone who might get some use out of it.)

Because of limited disk space availability we have not included a Mail Section and as additional disk space becomes available we plan to include the contents of the Resource Directory and possibly the Correspondant's Directory. These two items will be broken down in areas such as Northeast, Midwest, Southern States, etc and within each area each a separate panel will be designated for each State to facilitate access and decrease time needed on the network.

FOR INFORMATION, CALL: (408) 734-8727

GENDERNET ®

NEWS ITEM: NEW YORK

41 HAVE
'NO REGRETS'
Among 49 who had gender switch surgery at hospital since 1966

Forty-one of the 49 sex-change patients at the University of Minnesota Medical Center say they have no regrets about undergoing "gender reassignment" surgery, a psychiatrist said yesterday.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Sharon B. Satterfield, gave a follow-up report on the patients at the annual meeting of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT). The University of Minnesota Medical Center has performed 41 male to female and eight female to male operations, the report said. Twenty-five of the operations were done between 1966 and 1970.

Researchers tried to contact the 49 people who had the operations at the Minnesota hospital. Among those who could not or would not respond to the follow-up, one had breast cancer, one with a history of alcoholism had died of a heart attack and one was psychotic - a condition that existed before the surgery.

There also was one suicide.

Candidates with gender idenification problems get group therapy before surgery. Males feel they are females trapped in a male body; females feel they are males trapped in a female body. During therapy, attempts are made to make them feel comfortable with their other gender tendencies.

From among those not responding to therapy, surgical candidates are selected.

In either case, however, the report said patients with a history of stability in careers and a high level of intelligence do the best. And those with the best surgical results have the highest satisfaction.

PARADISE CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Renee Kessel recently announced her resignation as President of the Paradise Club, stating an inability to devote the time and attention necessary to do a proper job.

Renee introduced Kathy O'Connor, the Club's Vice President, as the new president.

Kathy announced that Renee would remain a member of the Board of Trustees, and would continue to oversee the 1984 program schedule. Kathy also acknowledged the great debt Paradise owes to Renee, and remarked upon the changes in Paradise during Renee's terms.

FOR SALE:

BACK ISSUES OF 'TRANSVESTIA' MAGAZINE

Issues of 'Transvestia' do not go out of date or becoem dull. These issues, running from #66 to #100, are full of personal stories, true experiences, articles, fiction, pictures, and all the rest. They are Collector's items!

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(**Note: The following news briefs of special interest to persons interested in transsexualism, were sent to us by Joanna M. Clark & Associates, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (714) 661-7612 - ED)

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

Israelis who have sex-change operations outside Israel will no longer be asked to disrobe in front of a consular official to obtain a new passport for travel home, the Jeusalem Post said Wednesday.

"Until recently, an applicant for such a passport would have to suffer a very embarrassing experience by having to prove to the consular official that he or she is indeed the same person but of a changed sex," an Interior Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying.

"Therefore, we have arranged with the Foreign Ministry that new passports should be issued merely on the basis of verification from the performing hospital and no more than that," he said.

The spokesman said Israelis who had a sex-change and returned home with pre-operation passports were often delayed by border-control officers concerned that the passport photos did not match the appearance of their bearers.

Israeli hospitals do not perform sex-changes, forcing Israelis who want them to travel to Britain, Singapore or Holland, he told the newspaper. The spokesman declined to say how many Israelis have had sex-change surgery.

FORT MADISON, IOWA

An inmate at the all-male Iowa State Penitentiary wants to have a sex change and is suing the state to get one, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The fort Madison Daily Democrat said Thomas White filed a suit in U.S. District Court in Des Moines, charging it is "cruel and unusual punishment" for prison officials to deny his sex change operation.

The prisoner alleged his constitutional rights are being violated by the prison's failure to provide adequate medical treatment for electrolysis, cosmetic surgery and hormone therapy.

White said he suffers from "a gender identity disturbance" and has had full desires to become a female as far back as 1979, when he said he began calling himself Tammy Lynn White.

white, who is serving a sentance for second-degree robbery and is eligible for parole next April, said in his suit that he committed the crime to get money to finance a sex change operation.

Despite his claims, White said, his requests to wear women's clothing and to undergo hormone therapy by pills have been denied by correctional officials.

His suit also states there are no professional therapies nor counselors at the prison to deal with the needs, treatment and care of transsexual inmates.

PEABODY, MASS.

A transsexual has sued the federal government for denying her husband a visa because she does not have the capability to marry a man.

Patricia Michelle Castaneda is seeking an uspecified sum less than $10,000 for violation of her civil rights, according to the suit filed Monday.

Mrs. Castaneda, 41, was born Patrick Michael Tripp. She underwent the sex change operation at Cook County Hospital in 1977 and was married the next year. She was divorced in 1980.

Later in 1980, she married Manuel Castaneda of Mexico. She filed a petition with immigration authorities on Nov. 18, 1982, asking them to certify Castaneda as an immediate family member to guarantee his citizenship.

Federal authorities denied the petition on grounds Mrs. Castaneda "was not and is not a woman, that she does not have the capability to marry a man," the suit said.

CHICAGO, IL

A federal judge has awarded $158,590

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in back pay and expenses to an Eastern Airlines pilot who was fired after undergoing a sex change operation to become a woman and then reinstated.

Karen Ulane, 42, formerly Kenneth Ulane, underwent the sex change operation in 1980. She was fired April 24, 1981, and sued the airline for sex discrimination.

U.S. District Judge John F. Grady on Dec. 28 ruled in favor of Ms. Ulane and ordered her reinstated with back pay.

In a final judgment filed Monday, Grady ordered Ms. Ulane receive $140,490 in back pay, $15,839 in interest and $2,261 in out-of-pocket expenses for life and health insurance, dental care and airline tickets.

The airline also must provide Ms. Ulane with vacation, sick leave and seniority benefits and pension contributions retroactive to the day of firing.

Ms. Ulane had flown with Eastern for 12 years and previously flew transport missions in Vietnam.

PERSONAL LISTINGS

How to respond to a Personal Listing: 1.) If the address is given, write directly to that address.
2.) If the address is 'c/o Tiffany', follow these directions exactly: A.) Place your letter in stamped envelope. (No unstamped mail will be forwarded.) B.) Pencil in the name and state of the person to whom the letter is meant. (i.e. 'Merissa Lynn NH'. We need to be able to erase the identifying name and replace it with the forwarding name. Therefore, no letter with the identifying name in ink will be forwarded.) C.) Place that letter inside another envelope and mail to "Tiffany Club, P. O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

JANET B. (S.E. Massachusetts)
Secretary, Halcyon Society of RI
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
SWM TV 32, 5'11 in stocking'ed feet. Conservative in dress & deed. Enjoys music, photography, computers.
"Our name 'Halcyon' implies our wishes for peace, happiness and prosperity for all our friends. Halcyon days indeed! Won't you come and join us?"
Janet B, c/o Halcyon Society, Box 143, North Kingston RI 02852
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SANDRA ST. JOHN (Vermont)
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
SWM Bi-TV, 54, 6'2, not unattractive (if you like tall girls), and pleasant personality. Enjoys cooking, gardening, sailing, raising sheep, and model railroading.
John E. Heath, Craftsbury VT 05826
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MARILYN ANN MURRAY (Western NY)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC, Shangri La
TV/TS, 33, 5'8, single. Enjoys water skiing, fishing, hunting, oil painting, tennis, horseshoes, canoeing, & swimming. "I like to dress in skirty dresses and hi heels and just being Marilyn as much as I can. Just a country girl."
Ms Marilyn Ann Murray, Box 134, Maple Springs NY 14756
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MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (New Hampshire)
Executive Sectretary Tiffany Club
Editor TV/TS Tapestry
SWM TV 6' 200 40, BA philosophy, athletically oriented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL life master, enjoy singing, and love the wilderness, flowers, health, happiness, peace of mind.
I'm a very caring person, and prefer to work on behalf of others. I want to meet people who also care about others. If you are a good soul, care about other people and are ready to help, let me know. I want to meet you. (P.S. Does anybody out there play a good game of bridge?)
Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575
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KIM SCHRIEBER (Eastern MA)
Tiffany/Tapestry Staff
Participant DREAM, Tiffany's Weekend
Blonde, blue eyes, 40, 5'11, 155, lifetime TV, attractive, pleasant, well-educated. Enjoys skiing, most outdoor activities.
Kim Schrieber, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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VIRGINIA HUNT (E. Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
Pre-op TS, 42, 5'6, 150, attractive and passes well. Enjoys dancing, and long drives. Is a country girl at heart. Would like to correspond with other TSs and interesting people.
Virginia Hunt, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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BOBBIE GARNER (Southern CA)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
5'5, 145, 27, submissive TV
B. Garner, 3043 Grandview Bvl, Los Angeles CA 90066 (213)398-6600
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LINDA S (Central Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
MWM TV, 27, 6', easy going, friendly, attractive, engineering student. Interested in boating, skiing, and especially interested in meeting other TVs from the Worcester MA area.
Linda S, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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WINNIE BRANT (Northern New York)
Member: Albany TVIC, Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair, DREAM
Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair
Hetero TV, 52, 6'2, a lady. Have many interest, scientific and culturally oriented. Love to travel.
Mr Winton Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301
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AMANDA J (Central Connecticut)
Member Tri Ess, GGA
MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, old cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and proper when dressed. Prefer one-on-one situations rather than large gatherings.
Amanda J (CT) c/o Tiffany
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AUDREY M (Eastern MA)
Secretary, Mayflower Society
MWM bi-TV, 50, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6.
Neil Moses, Sec. Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134
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SHEILA KIRK (W. Pennsylvania)
Member Albany TVIC, Paradise Club
Participant Poconos Weekend, Lee Brewster's Columbus Day Weekend
SWM TV, 48, 6'. Dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. Attractive -I'll be more so when I lose 20 lbs. I love music and literature - I work very hard so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV and I'm anxious to meet many others who delight in the same feelings.
Sheila K (W. PA) c/o Tiffany
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TERRI DOWNS (Nevada)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant DREAM, Shangri-La West
Auburn hair, grey eyes, size 16/18, 5'11, 170 lbs. Loves flying, country music and strings, is a book collector and history buff. Loves to dress. "Would love to meet other TV/TS girls and will take girls out to see Vegas. Will answer all. A picture is appreciated, but not necessary."
Terri Downs, Box 4116, N. Las Vegas NV 89030-0116
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BARBARA D (Vermont)
Member Tri Ess
TV, 49, 6', 190, hetero, married. Enjoys movies, dancing, nice restaurants, and just getting out of the closet. Would like to learn more on makeup and more polish on being femme.
Barbara D (VT) c/o Tiffany
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JANICE HEUKLOM (S.E. Massachusetts)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair
58, 5'6, 150, divorced. Enjoys country music, movies and nice restaurants. Wants to meet other TVs to assist her in understanding herself.
Janice H (SE MA) c/o Tiffany
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ELLEN S (Oregon)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Corresponding Secretary for NW Chapter GGA
Participant DREAM '78,'80,'83
Grande Dame DREAM '83
Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music (big band era) and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.
Ellen S., c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
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SUSAN C. HUXFORD (Ontario CAN)
Information distribution Canada
Executive Director FACT, Director GenderServe Counselling, Research and Educational Seravices.
Member SSSS, ABIGCA
TS (post-op), old enough to have retired, 6', talkative, didactic and may prove intimidating. Interested in interpersonal relationships, serious music, choral music (participation), trying oot to be overworked.
Susan C. Huxford, c/o Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 (416) 529-7334
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KAREN V (Eastern MA)
Tiffany General Member
SWM hetero TV, 38, 5'8, 155, good personality and sense of humor. Adventouress. "A classical music nut, Ialso enjoy card & word games, karate (black belt),skiing, and gourmet food. I would like to meet women who share some of these interests and are open minded about the cross dressing scene.
Karen V, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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MARCI DESCHAMPS (Boston MA)
WM hetero TV, 6'4, 34, blonde, into technological things. Enjoys bicycling, anything outdoors. "I have many interests and feel crossdressing allows me to express a part of me that is special. I would enjoy going out in public dressed with someone; I do so on my own now."
Marci Deschamps (MA) c/o Tiffany
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LAURA LYONNS (Montreal Can)
Member TAMS
Fun loving TS who passes well, eventually plans to shed the 'Victor' portion of her Victor/Victoria personality. "I'm 28, 5'8,140, and my interests include up-to-date fashion styles, female impersonation, media and dance. I would like to get to know, and possibly meet with, other TSs - it's lonely out there! Also this 'Tootsie' would like to roll with any TVs who can pass as well as Dustin Hoffman's 'Dorothy Michaels'."
Laura Lyonns, c/o TAMS, Box 1164, Station H, Montreal Quebec, H3G-2N1
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SUSAN REYNOLDS (Virginia)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Partiacipant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
45, 5'8, reasonably passable, very active in the TV scene, active correspondent with many of the TV sisters. Enjoys sports cars, photography, hunting/fishing. "Very much enjoy the TV scene. The sisters I have met tend to be super people, we have interests beyond our cross dressing. I wish to be considered as a reserved, poised woman!"
Susan Reynolds, Box 11160, Alexaodria VA 22312
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MARY LOU H (Western Canada)
Participant Joyce Dewhursts's Poconos Weekend
Member Tri Ess
Hetero TV, 5'8, SWM 60, size 12. Professional musician and composer, loves nature, concerts, drama, museums, travelling. Stylish dresser, good fashion taste, has makeup troubles. Will meet fine TVs and understanding girls/ladies. "I need only makeup training."
Mary Lou H (W Can) c/o Tiffany
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SHERRY LORRAINE (Eastern MA)
Tiffany Keyholder member
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Outing '83
WM, 38, red hair, blue eyes, 5'9 in heels, fair complexion and an easy going personality. Enjoys motorcycle touring, skiing, computers, walks along the ocean, and dancing. "I enjoy passing in public, making new friends, traveling, shopping and girl to girl chants on makeup, dress and mannerisms."
Sherry Lorraine, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (Northern NY)
Information distribution for N. NY
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
MWM TV, 32, 5'7, 145. Pass well, and attractive. Enjoys X-C skiing, camping year round, photography, music, dancing, lively parties meeting people. "I love going out in public! Want to help others to learn to accept themselves and to be a woman without guilt." Will answer all letters.
Cheryl A. McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206
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Kay Gould (California) - Portrait
credit: Van James, Waukesha, WI

KATHY HIVISH (Northeast PA)
Information distribution NE PA
Member GGA (Director of NE PA Chapter), Albany TVIC
Participant Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend

MWM, pre-op TS, 34, 5'18, big beautiful woman! Into the lost art of writing letters. Dedicated to helping others in our paraculture; seeking comparable position in newspaper publishing as Kath, presently working part-time in time-sharing sales.

Ann Marie, my spouse, is willing to talk to other wives or girlfriends.

Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 18612 (717)675-2585 (6-10pm)

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JUDY LEIGH S (Northeast MA)
Tiffany General Member

Married TV, 45, 5'4, pleasant, shy. I enjoy all sports & travel & dance music, plus just having a good time with good friends. I like to get dressed & go for rides to visit other friends.

Judy S. c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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BOBBIE B (South Shore MA)

SWM, 47, bi, enjoy lingerie. Easy going, good looks, trim build, would like to hear from other TV/TSs. Will answer all.

Bobbie B (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER (Central CT)

SWM hetero TV 52, 5'10, quiet, not pushy, very understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc, going out in public, and country music. "Would like very much to meet a true female, who would enjoy going out in public as two girls. Told by others that I pass very well. (P.S. During summer months I'm sorry I do not have time to dress very often.)"

Carla E. Goldsnider, 3741 South st., Coventry CT 06238 (would appreciate photo with 1st letter)

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DALEEN FARAH MILLS (Central NH)

SWM hetero TV, 30, 5'2, size 9 petite, attractive and sincere. Enjoys evening fashions, high heels, glamorous makeup, dangling earrings. "I want to meet other TVs who take care and pride in their looks. I'm a bit timid about passing but can with some patience.

Daleen M (Cen NH) c/o Tiffany

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DENISE W (Boston MA)

SWM bi TV, 33, 5'8, fairly attractive, overweight, but losing. Enjoys rock & country music, video taping, reading. Wishes to meet friendly people who can take pictures. Can entertain in my home. Have video player, with many TV tapes.

Denise W (Boston) c/o Tiffany

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SALLY A (Washington DC)
Member Baltimore-DC Alliance

SWM, very feminine when dressed, particularly enjoy lingerie. Enjoys chess, bridge, photography, flying, art, music, ballet, movies, drama, acting, gambling, public speaking, etc etc.

Sally A (Wash DC) c/o Tiffany

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LEE ARSNAL (Central ME)
Member Albany TVIC

MWM 5'10, 175. Enjoys jogging, skiing, hunting, fishing, motorcycles, and also indoor sports. Wants to learn more about being a woman. Would love to correspond with others who share her interests. Will answer all.

Lee Arsnal (ME) c/o Tiffany

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CINDY V (Central CT)
WM hetero TV, 26, 5'8, 155. Enjoy 60's music, photography, psychology, hooking rugs, fishing and helping others. I would like to make some TV friends through Tiffany and will answer all letters.
Cindy V (CT) c/o Tiffany
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EILEEN CLAFLIN (OH)
MWM, hetero TV, 6', 35, passible on occasion. Loves kids, kittens, and being Eileen. Enjoys meetings and correspondence, music, photography & shopping. "Would like to make contact with other sisters to share experiences, viewpoints and understanding."
Eileen C (OH) c/o Tiffany
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Malinda Lee Anderson (Wisconsin)
(Portrait credit: Van James)

MALINDA LEE ANDERSON (Wisconsin)
Member The Wisconsin Network
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
1st Runner-up Miss Provincetown
TV, 33, wishes to meet gentlemen and competent TVs in the Midwest or Boston area. Have extensive TV experience. Main interests are erotica and the historical/cultural aspects of cross-dressing.
Malinda A. (WI) c/o Tiffany
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DANIELLE D (Southern NH)
Pre-op TS, 5'11, 150, 30. Interests include music (hard rock and blues), sports, and good times with good friends. Would like to establish friendships and correspondence with TS community.
Occupant, Box 7125, Nashua, NH 03060
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ELAINE WILLEY (Michigan)
Information Distribution Upper Midwest
Membera Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Crossroads, Paradise Club. (Involved in the leadership of the latter two groups.)
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
Awarded F/F 'Miss Femininity'
Hetero TV (possibly TG), 48, single. Interested in classical music (especially opera), hi-fi, fashion, psychology, and philosophy. "I do not seek extensive personal correspondence, but will answer requests for information and will meet with people in my area who wish to attend meetings."
Elaine Willey, c/o Crossroads, Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501
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TERRI J (Western MA)
TS, 29, 5'8, brown hair, brown eyes, shy, self-conscious, and would like to meet and make friends with other TSs, TVs, and females who can help me to improve my mannerisms and makeup skills and go out in public dressed. I'm interested in wood working, movies, swimming, bowling, music, dressing, drives in the country and I have a good sense of humor. So If you're not doing anything, let's get together.
Terri J (W MA) c/o Tiffany
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DIANE MARIE VEE (Northeast MA)
Tiffany General Member
MWM, hetero TV, 34, 5'5, attractive, sensative and discreet, and does care about others. A life long TV who has undergone the usual ups and downs of being a TV. Is interested in perfecting her female image, particularly through make-up. "I play tennis and work out regularly. I am interested in meeting those who are accomplished TVs and would ultimately like to go out in public dressed."
Diane Marie Vee, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
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SARA LEE ROBERTS (Central MA)
Hetero TV, 43, 5'8, attractive, pleasant, quiet. Enjoys music, high fashion, and cooking (especially with natural foods). Would like to correspond and possibly meet people with similar interests.
Sara Lee Roberts, c/o Tiffany
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DEE DEE W (Hartford CT)
I'd like the girls at Tiffany
Who like to write,
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Dee Dee W (CT) c/o Tiffany
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Member Tri Ess
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83

Hetero crossdresser, Hispanic, 35, 140, 5'6", professional, financially stable. Has been crossdressing since the age of 9 (with interruptions). Enjoys music, reading, funny movies, jokes (even practical ones), speed sports, traveling, pen pals, and photography. Also wants to learn more about being feminine, loves fashion, make-up, and hair-dos.

"I'm sexually oriented towards women. I adore women, to the point of trying to emulate 'em in every detail. I would love to correspond with TVs and TSs that are looking for friendship, not sex."

Diana Lalinde (NJ) c/o Tiffany

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MURIAL E. (Delaware)
Member Tri Ess

Hetero, 5'8, retired. Has been crossdressing many many years. Loves to visit. Enjoys model building, and photography.

Murial E. (DE) c/o Tiffany

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JENNIFER B. (Central MA)
Member Tri Ess
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83

5'6, 24, 110, attractive, pleasant, charming TV, good dancer, dark medium hair. Enjoys cooking, ballroom dancing, theatre, movies, bowling, and reading TV books. "The feminine must be expressed if the body and mind are to be whole."

Ms Jennifer B., P.O. Box 553, Holden, MA. 01520

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CONNIE NICHOLS (Western NY)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Albany TVIC

MWM TV, 5'5, 123. Long time crossdresser. Interested in correspondence and extreme heels plus neat dressing. All letters promptly answered.

C.M. Nichols, Box 734, Jamestown NY 14702

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ALICE J. MILLARD (Florida [winter], North Central NY [summer])

Information Distribution for Mid-Gulf Coast, and Upper New York

Member Tri-Ess, Albany TVIC, Chi Delta Mu, Mid-Gulf Coast

Participant Fantasia Fair, Shangri-La

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Mature, life-long active TV, pleasant with outgoing personality. Very sincere. Interested in meeting other friendly, sincere TVs for friendship and informal TV gatherings. Co-sponsors informal monthly TV parties from New Orleans to Panama City, FLA. during winter months. "Our group is a non-affiliation social group open to Mid-Gulf Coast TVs."

Alice J. Millard, Box 2355, Pensacola, FL 32513 (Nov - Apr), Box 264, Cooperstown, NY 13326 (May - Oct)

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HELEN T (Southern NH)

Tiffany General Member

Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend

SWM TV, 46, 5'11. Recently out of the closet. Hope to make social contacts in the TV Community.

Helen T, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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JENNIFER DENOVA (Northern MA)

Tiffany General Member

SWM TV, 26, cute, easy going, brown hair & eyes, nice legs. Love music all kinds, dancing, honest conversation, chic clothes, meeting other TV/TS. Would like to meet TV/TS all over the country. "We all have things in common and need each other. Lets go out and paint the town. I'm ready."

Jennifer DeNova, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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PAULA LOUISE RIORDAN (Eastern MA)

Tiffany General Member

MWM hetero TV,52,5'8", 160, soft spoken, easy going, friendly. Enjoys history, philosophy, religion, cosmetology, fashion, cooking and ballet. "I've just come out and would love to learn how to pass and to help other newcomers."

Paula Louise Riordan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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RENEE ERIKA CLARK (Southern NY)

MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'6, attractive. Enjoys hunting, fishing, reading, archery, high heels and dressing feminine.

Renee C (S NH) c/o Tiffany

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MELISSA S. (Southeast MA)

MWM, 6'2", good looking, well proportioned, 37, educated. Love sheer lingerie, high heels and just being a woman. "I seek correspondence and/or meeting with understanding females who can assist me with make-up,clothes selection, any basic support, etc., during my new transition."

Melissa S (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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KATHY LEE (Georgia)

Participant Fantasia Fair 82 & 83

Hetero crossdresser, 5'10, divorced, 39. Enjoys running, camping, hiking, and unusual trips. "I have learned the most about myself over the last three years. I enjoy sharing and discussing the positive possibilities of our 'hobby'." "I am so glad to have found all of you."

Kathy Lee (GA) c/o Tiffany

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BECKY BUCHANAN (Philadelphia PA)

Member Phi Chapter GGA

Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83

SWM, hetero TV, 25, 5'10, 160,quiet. Enjoys art, and the movies. "I'm looking forward to meeting many of my sisters and especially those near my own age who pass easily and would like to go out dressed with me."

Becky Buchanan (PA) c/o Tiffany

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HOLLY CROSS (East/Central MA)

Tiffany General member

Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend, Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend

SWM TV, 60, size 22 tall. Is a radio ham, and classical music buff. Enjoys cooking (not well), sewing, snorkeling, walking the dog, and chasing clothing markdowns. "I'm looking for friends to meet when I'm in Orange County CA. I'd also be glad to talk by phone."

Holly Cross, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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Shiela Kirk (Pennsylvania
(Photo credit: Diana Lalinde)

JOAN V (Boston MA)
"I would like to dress more, and meet someone with whom I could dress (preferably in the Boston area). I'm told I'm good looking. Please contact me.
Joan V (Boston) c/o Tiffany
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SUSAN A. (Southeast MA)
Participant: Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 37, 5'7", 150. Has abeen crossdressing and loving it for twenty years now. Considered passable and attractive. Loves collecting and wearing all kinds of feminine clothing, especially lingerie.
"I would enjoy corresponding with and meeting other TVs with similar interests. Please write!"
Susan A. (SE MA) c/o Tiffany
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IRIS HANNA (Southeast PA)
Member: GGA (Phi Chapter)
Participant: Fantasia Fair '83
6', 150, Size 12. Interested in architecture, boating, fine crystal, porcelain, & other objects of beauty. Also enjoys dancing and listening to music.
"I prefer the feminine side of my personality. I'm straight forward, and like the finer things in life. Although I'm outgoing, I tend to be on the quieter side."
Iris H. (S.E. PA) c/o Tiffany
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ESTHER LOUISE R. (Washington)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant DREAM '83
Hetero TV, 74, and can get along with anybody who isn't a liar or a thief. Interested is social contacts, radio maintainance, flying (ex-pilot), music (plays the organ), and cooking.
"Christoper Morley once said, 'There is only one success -- to spend your life in your own way.' That is what I would like. To spend my life in my own way." L.E. Randle (WN) c/o Tiffany
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PRISCILLA ANNE GREENE (Northern NY)
Member Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
Awarded F/F 'Miss Cinderella'
MWM 41, 5'6, size 12, quiet, friendly and active. Enjoys cooking, antiques, archaeology, outdoor life, making maple syrup, shopping, eating out and feminine things. I love to dance, go out and I prefer the feminine side of my personality.
Will eventually respond to all correspondence.
Priscilla G (N NY) c/o Tiffany
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BARBARA N. (Western NY)
35, married, 5'11", 165, brown hair & eyes; some electrlysis, no hormones. Enjoys shopping for clothes/shoes, movies, listening to music.
"I've been crossdressing for 25 yesrs, but have very little contact with other TV-TSs. I'm not passable yet, butwith encouragement and practice I will be. I'm interested in meeting other married TVs to share exciting times wtih crossdressing. I have an extensive wardrobe that I would love to share."
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Jamie H (OH) c/o Tiffany
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DEE G (Central CT)
MWM TV, 35, 6', slim and attractive, honest and outgoing. Likes outdoor activities whatever they may be, with some indoor activities thrown in for spice. Would enjoy meeting friends of Tiffany as I travel a lot.
Dee G (Ct) c/o Tiffany
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ANNE GORIN (Arizona)
Member GGA
Sensitive crossdresser, college educated, 29, can pass. Interested in all types of good music, art, dancing, movies, food, good friends. Have spoken on the issues of crossdressing at local colleges. I would like to be more in touch with people in the Taucson area dealing with crossdressing issues. I am interested in facilitating a support group with these people and their partners.
Anne G (AZ) c/o Tiffany
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KIM STEVENS (Illinois)
Member GGA
SWM hetero TV, 6', 35, 170, college, sincere, friendly, cheerful, down to earth. Enjoys music, photography, movies, fashion, make-up and wigs. Interested in corresponding and meeting with other TVs and TSs, both to learn from them and to share my experiences.
Kim Stevens, Box 817, Oak Lawn IL 60454 (Include photo, will answer all)
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JOSEPHINE LOPEZ (Louisiana)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Married bi TV, 36, 5'5. Enjoys music, running, high fashion. "I would like to know many friends, TV and TS, and people who understand the art of being a woman."
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Laura R. Covington, P.O. Box 10431, Oakland, CA 94610

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JEAN DANE (Virginia)
Member GGA, Tri Ess, Outreach, BLI
Participant Fantasia Weekend (Washington DC)
MWM, 5'11, 145. Can pass as a middle-aged woman. Enjoys travel, parties, meeting people, shopping, and going to restaurants while dressed. Have recently begun to spread my wings, after a long period in the closet. Would like to contact and meet with other TV/TSs, especially in the Washington DC area.
Ms Jean Dane, Box 15401, Arlington VA 22215

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ANDREA BUTLER (Eastern MA)
Tiffany General Member
TV, mid 20's, 5'11, 140. Enjoys high fashion, new wave music, movies, coin collecting, TV social scene. "I seek open-minded people to correspond with, as well as meet. All letters answered. Only sincere people need reply.
Andrea Butler, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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MARY D. SULLIVAN (Boston)
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Mary Sullivan, c/o Tiffany

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PAT S. (Philadelphia, PA)
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"I am interested in building a foundation of companionship and trust, a friendship of togetherness in mind, body and spirit and expression, blanketed with understanding and appreciation."
Pat S. (Phila. PA) c/o Tiffany

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BARBARA B (Long Island NY)
Member GGA
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
MWM TV, 41, 5'9, slim, pleasant, discreet, passable (I'm told). Enjoys fashion, all kinds of music, dancing, parties, penpals, and especially enjoys learning to be more feminine.
Would enjoy writing to and meeting other sensible sisters.
Barbara B (LI NY) c/o Tiffany

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BARBARA MILES (Eastern MA)
WM, TS, 6'2", 35, attractive. Enjoys fashion, skiing, being a total woman. "I would like to meet other TVs or TSs on a one to one basis to share mutual interests, and love of the female side of me.
Barbara Miles, Box 68, Needham, MA 02192

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BELLE D. (Northeast MA)
Artist. Does not "pass", but integrates feminine ways into life. would identify with isolation feelings. Interested in matters of social concern, visual, and culinary pursuits. Would be willing to correspond with totally honest, candid persons.
Belle D. (NE MA) c/o Tiffany

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JOHNNIE D (Pittsburg PA)
Member Paradise Club
Particpant Poconos Weekend
MWM, 35, 5'5, loves to dress as a woman. Loves travel, music, theater, and wishes to correspond and meet all of you lovely girls. Will answer all, include photo if possible.
Johnnie D (Pitts PA) c/o Tiffany

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CAROLYN COOPER (Georgia)
WM TV, 28, 180. Interested in correspondence with other TVs to echange views and information.
"I have been dressing since I was 8, but am just finding out about the TV scene now. I'm still a closet Tv but hopeto meet others to help me out."
Carolyn Cooper (GA) c/o Tiffany

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CONNIE RANE (Western PA)
Member GGA
SWM TV, 5'-8", 155, 34, brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys skiing, back packing, & country music.
"Am very interested in corresponding with and meeting other crossdressers, especially in the Pittsburg area."
Connie Rane, Box 465, Indiana, PA

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R. SUZANNE C. (Southeast MA)
Participant: Tiffany's Spring Outing
WM CD, 50's, 6'.
"I've had long involvement with cross-dressing and am totally addicted to its joys. I enjoy cooking, golf, engineering and, most important, my no. 1 hobby, dressing. I'm a shy girl with an easy-going personality and wish to establish friendships with other girls (CD or female) so that we may share both our joys and our frustrations and come to a better understandiang of this wonderful feminine world. If you're sensible and discreet, I would like to hear from you. Will answer all letters.
R. Suzanne C. (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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MELANIE SUMMERS (Eastern MA)
TV, 5'6", 130, blue eyes, passes on occasion. Enjoys rock and folk music, science, parapsychology, movies, and miniskirts.
"I have been into transvestism for 9 years. I want to make social contact with other TVs."
Melanie S. (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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KAY GOULD (Northern CA)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Paradise Club
Attractive and outgoing. Loves the femme life, and loves to date and travel to many cities where she appreciates escorts and company. Very accomplished, and frequently travels dressed. Enjoys high fashion, good music, and paraculture friends. Writes a monthly column called 'Kay's Way' for a TV newspaper, and generally has a positive view of TVs.
Kay Gould, c/o Kay's Way, Box 255, Sacramento, CA 95802
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JOAN MARIE GREY (Los Angeles CA)
Member: Tri Ess, GGA, Shangri-La, Outreach Institute
49 year old part time TV, 5'11, 180. Interested in being a woman, enjoys the theater, books, cooking, and model railroading.
"I wish to be able to dress more often and to go to TV functions."
Joan Grey (L.A. CA) c/o Tiffany
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JULIE COOK (East Central MA)
SWM, 36, 5'9", 150, brown hair & eyes. Interested in transvestite activities, camping, movies, some rock concerts.
"I would like to meet a male or female for understanding friendship,. or long term relationship."
Julie C (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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PAT C. (New Hampshire)
BiWM, 30, attractive, slim, bearded, intelligent. Enjoys jazz, Japanese art, germane conversation. "I would like to meet attractive, feminine TV/TS's for fun."
Pat C. (NH) c/o Tiffany
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KELLY ANN S. (Wisconsin)
Member: Wisconsin TV Network
Tall, attractive TV, dark hair, green eyes, long legs. Owns 'Van James Photography'. Interests include photography, makeup, stand up comedy and community theatre.
"I am a professional portrait photographer specializing in feminine glamour. I love the sophisticated feminine look. All my efforts as a TV go into passing. I love nylons & heels. I'm seeking friendship and idea sharing with other TVs, TSs, & GGs.
Kelly Ann Schoonover, Box 811, Waukesha, WI 53187-0811
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SHIRLEY KAY KNIGHT (Colorado)
Member M.R.S.
Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend '83
SWM TV, 5'8, 41, friendly and feminine. Enjoys traveling, dancing, doin 'drag shows', teaching college classes on transvestism,sewing, and going out in public as Shirley. "I am interested in meeting other TVs, particularly in the Rocky Mountain region, that like to go out dressed, or travel."
Shirley K (CO) c/o Tiffany
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BOBBIE C. (Boston, MA)
Tiffany General member
WM TV/TS, 31. "I'm looking for help in my transformation into womanhood. I'm quiet, shy, and somewhat submissive at times. I enjoy bowling, movies, long walks, fireside talks, and long drives down the coast. I'm looking for friendship and understanding from other females, males, TSs, and anyone willing to help me, or who wants to be friends. I love everything soft and feminine, and want to be friends with all who wish to help. Please write."
Bobbie C., P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
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LORA W. (Philadelphia, PA)
Member: Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu
MWM, 69, 6'1", 195. Hetero. Enjoys model building, crewel & needlepoint.
"Will correspond with those who are sincere, have a nice wardrobe, and enjoy dressing."
Lora W. (Phila PA) c/o Tiffany
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MEREDITH W. (New Jersey)
SWM, bi-TV, 27. Tends to be shy. Interested in chess, history, astronomy, archaeology, card games, candlelite dinners, and long walks on the beach. Also interested in hearing from any TV or TS (especially TVs my own age) for mutual help, support, and friendship.
"Unfortunately I tend to be self-conscious, and mistrustful of others. Even so, I try to listen, and help if I can. I think what I need is proof that there are others such as myself."
Meredith W. (NJ) c/o Tiffany
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JAIME R. (Rhode Island)
Member: Halcyon Society
TV (possibly TS), 5'10", 145, brown eyes and hair. Enjoys rock & roll and country music, gardening, and fishing.
"I would like to make friends with other TVs and TSs, and learn more about my femme side."
Jaime R. (RI) c/o Tiffany
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KAREN K (New Jersey)
Member: Delta Chi Mu Chapter Tri-Ess, GGA

SWM hetro TV, 41, 5'9", 182. Pleasant personality who enjoys meeting people. Interested in photography, camping & hiking, running, all sports, good instrumental music, reading, & stamp collecting.

"I enjoy writing and meeting with sisters. I also travel a great deal. I also enjoy going out dressed, but I'm careful."

Karen K (NJ) c/o Tiffany

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CAROLYN JENNINGS (Greater Boston MA)

SWM hetero TV, 32, 6', attractive, sensitive, perfectionist. Interested in music, travelling, women's shoes, and beautiful legs.

"I enjoy going out on the town, and being with women. I would like to meet other TVs, especially those that have a fetish for shoes."

Carolyn Jennings (E. MA) c/o Tiffany

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ROI A. (New Jersey)
Member GGA

Black, 35, 6'5", 200. Interested in the outdoors, flowers, old cars, and becoming more feminine.

"I would very much like to meet friends, to be me, and live happily ever after."

Roi A. (NJ) c/o Tiffany

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PAULA A. (Southeast NY)

MWM closet TV (approx 35 yrs), 55, 5'9", 170, medium build, conservative in dress and manner. Non-smoker. Enjoys carpentry, photography, writing, shopping, and dining fully dressed.

Psula A (SE NY) c/o Tiffany

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HEIDI W. (SW Florida)

WM TV, 76, 5'6", 155-160, demure, a bit shy, has some physical gynandromorphism. Loves cross-dressing, beautiful clothes, hen parties, and girl talk.

"I would love to get to know other TVs who are fond of the above."

Heidi W (SW FL) c/o Tiffany

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DEE SMITH (Maryland)

DWM hetero TV, 50, 5'10", caring, considerate, happy with life, and likes people. Enjoys boating, limited night life, and occasionally a meal in plush surroundings.

"In my work I spend a lot of time by my self so I do a lot of reading, am self-disciplined enough to accept myself as I am - but adventurous and can accept challenges."

Dee Smith (MD) c/o Tiffany

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BARBARA SHERWOOD (Delaware)
Member Tri Ess, GGA
Participant Tiffany's Weekend

WM, 40's, tall, slender. Separated and will be divorcing in the near future. Pleasant personality, just coming out of the closet and intends to stay out. Enjoys fashion, cooking, gardening, reading, travel. Welcomes correspondence from sisters with similar interests.

Barbara Sherwood, Box 315, Milford DE 19963

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SHARON MC. (Southeast MA)
Tiffany Club General Member
Participant, Fantasia Fair

WM TV, 30, 5'6", 140. Enjoys everything feminine. "I'm shy but trying to be more open, especially with my crossdressing. I'm a non-drinker. I'm looking for the help and support of the TV/TS Community to better understand mysle, and would like to meet other TVs & TSs and women for shopping, travel, photos and fun."

Sharon Mc., c/o P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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TRACY ANN WOOLDRIDGE (Chicago IL)
Member: Windy City Chapter GGA
Participant: Tiffany's Holiday Outing

Ex-professional impersonator (a little bit crazy), 5'7", 165, great legs! Enjoys dancing, music, passing in public, reading, and making and meeting friends.

Tracy W (IL) c/o Tiffany

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RENEE CARROLL (Southeast CT)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant Tiffany's Weekend '82, Fantasia Fair, Shangri La, DREAM '83

SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.

Miss Renee Carroll, Box 231, Stratford CT 06497

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(A true story)

ONE UNFORGETTABLE SUNDAY
by
Danielle Jeanne Blair

DAMN that telephone! After the eight traditional rings that should signal the caller "the party's not in", the bells continued to chime antagonistically until the first muscle of my body quivered spasmatically into action. It is Sunday morning, 8:09 a.m., the 16th of January, 1983. What am I moving for?

"Oh, give it up!", I moaned to my adversary, as I pulled the pillow over my head. The telephone, sadistically relentless, would give me no peace of mind until I acknowledged its urgency.

"Hull-lo?", I lulled with a voice husky from sleep, scrubbing night's film from my eye with a crooked index finger.

"Danielle," the voice from the receiver screamed. My eyes sprung open much wider than they were accustomed to, and, for one moment, I feared that I would permanently resemble Marty Feldman for the rest of my natural life. Jane, my dearest and best friend, heralded the news with the enthusiasm of a medieval town crier. "Danielle," she gasped. "You're front-page news, baby!" "Uh-huh," I groaned my share of enthusiasm, which had the consistency of a wet rag.

My thoughts functioned vaguely, and the association I made with Jane's statement was that Susan; a staff-writer for the New Bedford Standard--Times, and gifted beyond more than I can ever print in this article, had finally managed to print the interview she did with me approximately two months ago. Susan had informed me that it might appear in the Bowspirit Sunday magazine sometime in January, but she wasn't sure. In fact, she was uncertain if the interview would appear in print at all, for that matter. "I fear the controversy," she explained earnestly. Nonetheless, I had prepped and prepared myself just in case, self-cautioning myself not to go emotionally overboard if and when the article did come out.

"Did you hear what I said," Jane asked, sounding as if she demanded every last ounce of my attention. "You, Danielle Jeanne Blair, my best friend, are headlines, sweetie! HEADLINES!" I was quite certain that Jane was only over-dramatising the effects, being that she is prone to easy and extereme excitability -- so I threw in a token "imagine that!"

"Hurry! Go get a newspaper! Quick!" She had hung up on me right in the middle of an elongated and wistful "gee-ee!" I went back to bed -- for a second or two.

Was I dreaming?

Before I could recover those lost moments of peaceful slumber, I was up and out of my bed again, retracing my steps to the telephone, and feeling the plastic receiver handle for a fever. "Yup, it's warm alright!", I mumbled to myself. Then I trottled off to the kitchen to put some water on for coffee.

The sun was shining magnificently on this Sunday morn, but the frigid temperature served to remind me that southeastern New England had received its first winter snowfall yesterday afternoon. Brr-rr-r, where's my coffee?

I sat thoughtfully meditating over the phone call between sips of coffee laced with powdered creamer. The caffene stimulant soaked into my system and prodded the remainder of my being into function. "Aw -- if this is another one of Jane's practical jokes,

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I swear I'll kill her!", I thought vengefully.

Within the hour, I was dressed (a major miracle), and ready to face the blustery winter morn. A pair of heavy dungarees, a pullover long-sleeve shirt, a heavy sweater, three pairs of socks, and a pair of hiking boots that are two sizes too big for my feet; I'm absolutely gorgeous! Struggling into a hooded winter jacket, I was off to the neighborhood drug-store for a Sunday copy of the Standard-Times. I reminded myself, "If this is one of Jane's practical jokes, she's dead-meat!"

My curiosity overpowered me. Anxiously, I zoomed into the drug-store on my heels, and snatched up a copy of the Standard-Times, which is usually neatly folded over with the Sunday Funnies for a cover. Quickly, so as not to destroy the folds of the paper, I leafed my way through the folded sections until I came upon the Bowspirit magazine. I studied the color magazine picture with stunned perplexity.

No Danielle!

"I'll kill her! I swear I'll kill her!"

I was beside myself with frustration, livid enough to obliterate the memory of my walk back home, the Sunday newspaper looking as if it had never been opened. I can't even remember removing my coat and the excess clothing, any more than I can remember spreading the newspaper out on the dining room table when I walked in.

I yanked the receiver off its cradle and prepared to dial Jane's number, choosing which words I would use to cut my so-called friend for playing such a thoughtless trick on me. After dialing, I plopped myself down at the dining room table, and patiently waited for her to answer. Should I just scream right in her ear? Or should I just be calm and build myself up to it? Boy, was she ever going to get an ear-full from me!

In that very instant, I saw it; the article. Right there on the very first page of the newspaper. The friggin' headlines; my picture! And then, I flopped the newspages to page 17, as instructed. There, more pictures, some in color, more tabloid

print. And still more pictures and print on the page following. The marvelous and stunning photography by Hank was making me feel giddyish and lightheaded. My heart began to race from exhileration. My gosh, it's really me!

"Hello?", Jane sounded sweetly into the phone.

"I'll be damned," I gasped, awestruck by the phenomenon. "Jane, I'm sorry," I absent-mindedly apologized, then hung-up the receiver before she could get a word in edgewise. I

retreated, stunned, into reading what Susan had to say about me. And when I had finished reading, a tiny tear of joy escaped the corner duct of my eye, and began to trace a wet path down my cheek. It is a beautiful write-up!

That was only the beginning of that Sunday morning, January 16th, 1983. Before the day would end, the telephone would continue to ring with friendly appraisals from friends, and even some strangers. That very same evening, Fall River and the surrounding communities would be treated to the voice of Danielle Jeanne Blair over radio station WSAR for a full hour and a half (the show was only supposed to be a half hour).

And the celebration would continue to pelt me with well-wishes, encouragement, and congratulations for my bravery. WSAR would ask me to return to do a 3-hour show on Friday afternoon. Lectures would be scheduled at local colleges, as they put it, if my time permitted me.

But what is most important is that the community became aware that there are a number of transsexual people (both pre- and post-operative) in our society, thanks to Susan and Hank, as well as the radio commentators. As a result, there is a project in the works concerning a peer-counseling group for transsexual individuals. The need for such an organization in this area is great; much more than I would have ever known. And it is absolutely wonderful that the community is showing such tremendous positive response.

"Ms Blair? Can I have your autograph," a woman would shyly come up from out-of-nowhere and ask. And all of my co-workers at the store, "Yeah, Danielle!" Is this really happening?

You bet it is! But I won't allow the applause to go to my head. I was a transsexual at one time -- but now, I am a writer. And I do have a writing career to pursue. Still, I will never forget the people, nor the magic of that one beautiful day on that unforgettable Sunday.

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TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET,
OR NOT
by Michelle Anne Bolis

When I asked for opinions on whether or not to come out of the closet, the letters which were received and printed were both pro and con. Both the pro and con were correct for their situations. Last month I stated I would give my views.

I must ask one question. Why does society not accept the transvestite? I believe that as long as "society" can say that there are only a few transvestites, then "society" can sweep us under the rug so to speak. So, I must maintain that as many transvestites as possible must come out of the closet in order to stop "society" from sweeping us under that rug.

That does not mean that everyone should come out of the closet. The coming out must be done by each person after he has decided that it is not wrong for him to do as he wishes. Each person that comes out of the closet must be ready to convince each person he knows that it is the norm and their thinking otherwise is wrong. Each person must be able to stand before his friends and through self conviction convince them that we are right to do as we wish to do. If one has not convinced his/her self that what he/she is doing is right, then he/she cannot convince anyone else, and his/her coming out of the closet can be more damaging than help to the cause. Therefore, I must say that anyone not convinced he/she is doing the right and proper thing, would be best off staying in the closet.

Let me remind you that "society" is made up of people, and we are the people it is made up of. If we (SOCIETY) do not accept what we are doing then that ends our hope to change the rules of our society. There are those who will go on television to further our cause, and unfortunately there are some who have gone on television and have done more to hurt our cause than help. (This opinion is based on the opinions of so-called 'straight' friends which I have, and what they have said to me after seeing these people on television.) So remember that how and when you come out of the closet are most important.

Take a page from big business which says that whether a product is good or bad doesn't matter, for timing and proper advertising can sell anything.

I have always found Halloween to be the best time to introduce 'Michelle' around. But, once introduced, 'Michelle' does not go back into the closet. It is always good to remember that most women and children will accept once you have explained it to them. Your problems will come from the so-called 'macho' male who's abilities are limited, and because they fear their own lack of 'mach', you are a great threat to them. This type of person will be your greatest challenge. If you can win him over you will have done more than I have ever been able to do. Remember, going out dressed is not coming out of the closet because we have all gone out dressed in areas where we are not known and personal recognition is not possible. It is enjoyable and personally satisfying, but does nothing to help bring us out of the closet. Remember one other fact. If you are not ready to do your part, don't expect anyone else to do anything either.

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